

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

on

“No Shots, No School” for School Year 2022-2023”

on

June 29, 2022, 11:00am

**Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Chairman’s Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable of the Committee of the Whole on “No Shots, No School” for School year 2022-2023. This oversight roundtable will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 11:00am via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The purpose of this oversight roundtable is to receive testimony from government witnesses, including the Department of Health, the Deputy Mayor for Education, the State Superintendent of Education, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Public Charter School Board, the State Board of Education, and the Child and Family Services Agency regarding the state of student immunizations in the District, inclusive of the COVID-19 vaccine. As codified in D.C. Code § 38-502, no student will be admitted to school unless the school has received certification of the student’s immunization or approved exemption. Further, students will be disenrolled if their immunizations cannot be verified. Enforcement of this statute is slated to begin for the 2022-2023 school year. While the policy of the District is that all children should be vaccinated, it is also the policy that all children should be educated. Therefore, it is not a desired outcome for children to be disenrolled. Government witnesses are invited to update the Council and the public on the progress of this statute’s implementation and plans for increasing immunizations throughout the summer to ensure all students in the District are primed for a successful school year and that students are not denied enrollment in the coming months for this reason.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. The Committee plans to receive the Executive’s plans around student immunizations followed by public testimony. Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on Monday June 27. Testimony is limited to 3 minutes. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Citizens and organizations may submit written statements in lieu of testifying to cow@dccouncil.us or leave a voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). Written testimony and statements will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony> and will be made a part of the official record. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2022. If you have additional questions, please email cow@dccouncil.us or contact Aaron Sayama, Legislative Assistant, at (202) 724-4865.