

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**
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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**

on

Literacy and the NAEP and PARCC Assessments

on

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on *Literacy and the NAEP and PARCC Assessments*. The hearing will be on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom video conference broadcast.

The purpose of this roundtable is to examine the academic achievement in the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) and the District's Public Charter School (DCPCS) sectors. Specifically, this oversight hearing will focus on DCPS's and DCPCS's performance, as well as their plans for educational growth following the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessments. These results represent the first indicators of learning loss from the COVID-19 pandemic. This hearing is also an opportunity for further discussion about what steps the District government is taking to improve literacy. While all learners ages birth through grade 12 have access to literacy instruction and early literacy experiences, widespread proficiencies in literacy continues to be a challenge. The Committee last held an oversight roundtable on this matter earlier this year on July 14th.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by the close of business on Monday, December 5, 2022. **Testimony is limited to four minutes;** less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. 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. If you have additional questions, please email cow@dccouncil.us or contact Aaron Sayama, Legislative Assistant, at (202) 724-4865.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Testimony should be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us in advance of the hearing. Written testimony will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony>. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.