

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

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

“Teacher and Principal Retention: Public Witnesses”

on

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building (Track B)**

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1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on Teacher and Principal Retention in the District. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this public oversight hearing is to hear from teachers, principals, advocates, and the public about conditions in schools that improve or hinder educator retention. Research shows that high quality teachers and principals significantly improve student outcomes. Retaining our best teachers and principals is critically important to helping students succeed academically and socio-emotionally. However, in the wake of the Pandemic, teacher turnover spiked across the country. More than one in four teachers in the District left their classrooms from the 2021-2022 to the 2022-23 school year, a 7% increase from the prior year. The Committee is particularly concerned with adequacies in educator salary, working conditions, evaluation, coaching support, mentoring support, and growth opportunities.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023. **Testimony is limited to three 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 bverlin@dccouncil.gov or contact Bijan Verlin, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-4865.

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. 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 through the Hearing Management System 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 Tuesday, December 12, 2023.