

**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 OVERSIGHT HEARING**

on

Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy

on

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

**Hearing Room 412 (Track B)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

INVITED WITNESSES

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| 1. Laina Cox | Head of School, Capital City PCS |
| 2. Melissa Beasley | Director of Student Wellness, E.L. Haynes PCS |
| 3. Belicia Reaves | Executive Director, Two Rivers PCS |
| 4. Lucas Cooke | Principal, MacFarland MS |
| 5. Brandon Hall | Director of Strategy and Logistics, Jackson Reed HS |
| 6. Jevonte McCollum | Student, Ron Brown HS |
| 7. Qadri Qaasim | Student, Ron Brown HS |

WITNESS LIST

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| 8. Eboni-Rose Thompson | President and Ward 7 Rep., D.C. State Board of Education |
| 9. Scott Goldstein | Executive Director, EmpowerED |
| 10. Caroline Pryor | Lead Organizer, EmpowerED |
| 11. Nicole Travers | Senior Director of School Support & Program Data, DC Charter School Alliance |
| 12. Charles Boston | Director, Youth Arboriculture Career Experience |
| 13. Hannah Mason | Senior Education Research Analyst, D.C. Policy Center |

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| 14. Jeanne McCarty | CEO, Out Teach |
| 15. Danielle Robinette | Children's Law Center, Senior Policy Attorney |
| 16. Jodi Ovca | Executive Director, Access Youth |
| 17. Harley Morgan | Assistant Director, Access Youth |
| 18. BJ Paige | Executive Director, Youth Guidance |
| 19. Maryam Trowell | Co-Executive Director, Live It Learn It |
| 20. Kathryn Procope | Executive Director, Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science |
| 21. Megan Carlyle | Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital |
| 22. Allen Richardson | Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital |
| 23. Justin Lessek | Executive Director, Sojourner Truth PCS |
| 24. Tara Iqbal | Director of SEL, D.C. Prep PCS |
| 25. Nadiya Pope | Staff Attorney, Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc. |
| 26. Martita Fleming | Director of Operations, Washington Latin PCS |
| 27. Kisha Clark | Public Witness |

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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| 1. Dr. Lewis Ferebee | Chancellor, DC Public Schools |
| 2. Paige Hoffman | Chief of the Office of School Improvement and Supports, DC Public Schools |
| 3. Cinthia Ruiz | Chief Integrity Officer, DC Public Schools |
| 4. Alicia Washington | Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Public Safety Division, Office of the Attorney General |
| 5. Tanya Torres Trice | Director, Child and Family Services Agency |
| 6. Dr. Antoinette Mitchell | Interim State Superintendent of Education, Office of the State Superintendent of Education |
| 7. Laura Zeilinger | Director, Department of Human Services |
| 8. Paul Kihn | Deputy Mayor for Education, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education |