

**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

**Bill 26-72, Holding School Budgets Harmless During Modernizations Amendment Act of
2025**

and

Bill 26-327, Schools First Amendment Act of 2025

on

Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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

WITNESS LIST

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| 1. | Malaika Golden | Principal, Lorraine H. Whitlock ES |
| 2. | Jordan Cotton | Public Witness |
| 3. | Sarah Buckley | Public Witnesses |
| 4. | Rachel Johnston | Chief of Staff, DC Charter School Alliance |
| 5. | Quiana Lamons | Public Witness |
| 6. | Cati Bisanz | Public Witness |
| 7. | Scott Goldstein | Executive Director, EmpowerEd |
| 8. | Laura Fuchs | President, Washington Teachers Union |
| 9. | Paul Strzelczyk | Public Witness |
| 10. | Caroline Pryor | Director of Policy + Power-Building,
EmpowerEd |
| 11. | Salim Adofo | 8C07, ANC Commissioner |
| 12. | Yesim Sayin | Executive Director, D.C. Policy Center |
| 13. | Samantha Bertocchi | Public Witness |
| 14. | Tara Vanacore | PTO President, Harriet Tubman Elementary
School |

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| 15. | Anne Louise Taylor | Vice President, Ward 1 and 2 Education Council |
| 16. | Cortavia Freeman | Public Witness |
| 17. | Andrew Pratt | Public Witness |
| 18. | Farhan Akhtar | Public Witness |
| 19. | Kiara Haughton | Public Witness |
| 20. | Jenny Manzullo | Public Witness |
| 21. | Zandria Haines | Public Witness |
| 22. | Robin Roesch | Public Witness |
| 23. | Cathy Reilly | Public Witness |
| 24. | Dierra Dupree | Public Witness |
| 25. | Swathi Bojedla | Public Witness |
| 26. | Journey Williams | Public Witness |

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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| 1. | Dr. Patrick Ashley | Deputy Chancellor, Finance and Operations,
DC Public Schools |
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