

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
&
COUNCILMEMBER DAVID GROSSO, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

on

**Improving School Attendance: Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism, and the Implementation of
Reform Initiatives**

on

**Thursday, May 10, 2018
10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember David Grosso announce a public oversight roundtable of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Education on Improving School Attendance: Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism, and the Implementation of Reform Initiatives in the District. The oversight roundtable will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of this oversight roundtable is to receive testimony from government witnesses, including the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the Child and Family Services Agency, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Public Charter School Board, and the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, regarding the District's efforts to improve school attendance and to reduce truancy and chronic absenteeism. Additionally, the roundtable will consider continued implementation of initiatives required by D.C. Law 18-242, the "Safe Children and Safe Neighborhoods Educational Neglect Mandatory Reporting Amendment Act of 2010," D.C. Law 19-141, the "South Capitol Street Memorial Amendment Act of 2012," D.C. Law 20-17, the "Attendance Accountability Amendment Act of 2013," and D.C. Law 21-140, the "School Attendance Clarification Amendment Act of 2016." Improving school attendance improves educational outcomes. Targeting truancy is also a strategy for identifying children at risk of interacting with the juvenile justice system. **This roundtable is limited to government witnesses only.**

While this roundtable is limited to oral testimony from invited witnesses, written statements from the public will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Questions about this roundtable should be directed to Christina Setlow, Deputy Committee Director, at (202) 724-4865. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2018.