

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE &
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
NOTICE OF JOINT 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 JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
on
At-Risk Funding Transparency
on
Friday, February 1, 2019
9:30 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 joint public oversight roundtable of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Education on the transparency of at-risk funding for public schools. This oversight roundtable will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of this oversight roundtable is to receive testimony from the public on at-risk funding, including how these funds are budgeted, spent, and their impact on academic outcomes. In 2013, the Council approved D.C. Law 20-87, the "Fair Student Funding and School Based Budgeting Act of 2013," which added an "at-risk" weight to the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF). According to D.C. Law 20-87, students are considered at-risk if they are homeless, in the District's foster care system, qualify for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or are in high school and at least one year older than the expected age for the grade in which the students are enrolled. At-risk funds are supposed to be spent on improving the academic outcomes of at-risk students, but transparency is lacking with regard to how these funds are actually budgeted and spent. Bill 23-46, the "At-Risk School Funding Transparency Amendment Act of 2019," which was introduced on January 8, 2019, attempts to increase transparency. The Committees seek testimony on the ideas put forth in this bill, as well as how at-risk is defined and ways to increase the educational outcomes for at-risk students.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Christina Setlow, Deputy Committee Director at (202) 724-4865, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Wednesday, January 30, 2019**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Roundtable materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the roundtable at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. 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. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019.