

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

on

School Security in District of Columbia Public and Public Charter Schools

on

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Noon
Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)

Chairman Phil Mendelson announces the scheduling of a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on School Security in District of Columbia Public and Public Charter Schools. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at noon** via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast. The hearing will only be broadcast live at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live>.

This hearing will build on testimony received at the October 21, 2020 Roundtable on "School Security in District of Columbia Public Schools." That hearing focused on what is needed for a smooth transition of the security contract to DCPS, and also on best practices around security in schools and reimagining school security for the 2021-2022 school year. The purpose of this new hearing is (1) to hear from DCPS officials on the transition of its security contract; (2) to consider the April 1, 2021 recommendations of the Police Reform Commission on police in the schools and school security; (3) to hear from the public regarding police in the DCPS and charter schools, and school security, and (4) how DCPS and public charter school officials each plan to implement revised security plans for the upcoming school year.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2021. Testimony is limited to three minutes. **This hearing will be limited to 6 hours so the number of witnesses may be limited.** 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 contact Destiny Riley, Committee Assistant, at (202) 724-8196.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Because of this, written or transcribed testimony from the public is highly encouraged and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us or may be left by voicemail (up to 3 minutes – which will be transcribed – by calling (202) 430-6948. Testimony received by close of business on April 21, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/circulation> prior to the roundtable. If you are unable to testify, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00pm on May 8, 2021.