

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES
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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

on

School Facility Conditions During the Re-Opening for School Year 2021-2022

Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, 9:00 AM

Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJZbHhKFbnyGeQclJxQk0g/live>

On Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Robert C. White Jr., Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities will hold a joint public oversight roundtable on “School Facility Conditions During the Re-Opening for School Year 2021-2022”. The joint public oversight roundtable will take place via the Zoom web conferencing platform at 9:00 AM. Members of the public will be able to view the joint public oversight roundtable at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJZbHhKFbnyGeQclJxQk0g/live>.

The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss school facility conditions experienced during the re-opening for School Year 2021-2022. Members of the Council heard from hundreds of parents and educators about conditions impacting both the readiness of schools for re-opening and the health and comfort of students returning to school. These issues included, but were not limited to, HVAC system failures leading to inadequate air circulation and cooling, roof leaks, and inadequate outdoor spaces. Temporary cooling and air circulation systems that were deployed also experienced failures and negatively impacted student learning. Finally, communication about the facility conditions issues was inadequate, leading to further concern and distrust from the community.

In addition to receiving feedback from members of the public, the Committees intend to hear from relevant agencies about the causes of these facility conditions and the plan to ensure that such conditions do not reoccur.

The Committees invite the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up at <https://forms.gle/UrkJAKXjGWaPaQuD8> or by phone at (202) 741-8593, and provide their name, phone number or e-mail, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by **the close of business on Friday, September 24th, 2021**. Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit their testimony in writing electronically in advance to

facilities@dccouncil.us. Witnesses will participate remotely via Zoom. Witnesses who sign-up will receive additional instructions on how to provide testimony in advance of the proceeding.

All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum of four minutes to testify, while Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners will be permitted five minutes to testify. At the discretion of the Chair, the length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committees of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

The Committees also encourage the public to submit written testimony to be included for the public record. Copies of written testimony should be submitted by e-mail to facilities@dccouncil.us. **The record for this joint public oversight roundtable will close at the close of business on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021.**