

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**  
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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**

on

**School Librarians in the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast**  
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Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces the scheduling of a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on School Librarians in District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear from District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) on the status of having a school librarian in every school. As of July 2021 there were 36 schools in DCPS without a full-time School Librarian due to the flexibility afforded to principals to forego having a school librarian in lieu of another position. A disproportionate number of these schools were in Wards 7 and 8. Amendments were successfully introduced to B24-275 and B24-281, the Fiscal Year 2022 Local Budget and Local Budget Emergency Acts of 2021, respectively, to attempt to remedy this problem temporarily, and this hearing intends to explore possible permanent solutions.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021. **Testimony is limited to three minutes.** 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.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom videoconference 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](mailto: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 Monday, November 22, 2021, will be posted publicly to <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testimony> prior to the hearing. 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](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us). The record will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.