

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

“Teacher and Principal Retention: Government and Expert Witnesses”

on

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building (Track B)**

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John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on Teacher and Principal Retention in the District. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

The purpose of this public oversight hearing is to hear from government and expert witnesses about efforts that improve or hinder educator retention. Research shows that high quality teachers and principals significantly improve student outcomes. Retaining our best teachers and principals is critically important to helping students succeed academically and socio-emotionally. However, in the wake of the Pandemic, teacher turnover spiked across the country. More than one in four teachers in the District left their classrooms from the 2021-2022 to the 2022-23 school year, a 7% increase from the prior year. The Committee is particularly concerned with adequacies in educator salary, working conditions, evaluation, coaching support, mentoring support, and growth opportunities.

This hearing is limited to invited witnesses and agency representatives. Those who wish to submit testimony for the record may do so by using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> or by leaving a voicemail at (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. The record will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. If you have additional questions, please contact Bijan Verlin, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202)724-4865 or bverlin@dccouncil.gov.