

**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

**“Academic Achievement in the District of Columbia”**

on

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Hearing Room 412 (Track B)  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
DC Council Website ([www.dccouncil.gov](http://www.dccouncil.gov))**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on the topic of Academic Achievement in the District. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

The stated purpose of this hearing is to examine academic achievement in the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) and the District’s Public Charter School (DCPCS) sectors. Specifically, this oversight hearing will focus on DCPS’s and DCPCS’s performance, as well as their plans for educational growth, following the release of the first Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment and growth scores the District has administered since the start of the pandemic. These results continue to represent indicators of learning loss from the COVID-19 pandemic, but also shine light on areas of opportunity for all District schools. This hearing is an opportunity to discuss steps the District government is taking to improve literacy and numeracy and improve academic performance overall. The Committee has held a hearing on this matter annually.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023. Testimony is limited to four 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 by emailing [cow@dccouncil.gov](mailto:cow@dccouncil.gov). 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. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact LeKisha Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8137 or [ljordan@dccouncil.gov](mailto:ljordan@dccouncil.gov).

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.