

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

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

on

**School Safety,**

**Bill 25-234, “School Safety Enhancement Amendment Act of 2023, and**

**Bill 25-420, “Conflict Resolution Education Amendment Act of 2023**

on

**Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10:30 a.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 School Safety, Bill 25-234, School Safety Enhancement Amendment Act of 2023, and Bill 25-420, Conflict Resolution Education Amendment Act of 2023. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

The stated purpose of Bill **25-234** is to require OSSE to create guidelines that would be used to review and enhance District school safety plans, establish a school safety team at every school in the District, and to establish procedures for school safety teams to coordinate with MPD. The bill would also require the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and the Deputy Mayor for Education to create a system for emergency response agencies to share critical information about ongoing safety incidents with schools and child development centers. The stated purpose of Bill **25-420** is to require OSSE to develop a model curriculum to develop students’ conflict resolution skills in accordance with the health education standards and to require LEAs to adopt the model curriculum or an alternative conflict resolution education program. Overall, the issue of school safety is particularly salient in the District and the Committee wants to hear from students, parents, community members, and advocates about ways to ensure the safety of all students in the District’s public schools.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://ims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. 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://ims.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 Thursday, January 25, 2024.