

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

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

on

DCPS Budget

on

Thursday, October 17, 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)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight hearing before the Committee of the Whole on *DCPS Budget*. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

The Mayor presented the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to Council with \$192 million more for the DC Public School system (DCPS), yet more than half of schools saw cuts to their budget or staff. The purpose of this hearing is to explore DCPS central's commitment to the Schools First in Budgeting Act, the efficiency of DCPS central's operations, the increase in contractual costs such as security, the increase in litigation costs such as Special education/ IEP claims, and other aspects of DCPS' budget.

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 Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Testimony is limited to three minutes.** More time may be permitted by prior, individualized arrangement. 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. 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 get in touch with Bijan Verlin, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-4865 or bverlin@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses will participate in-person or virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. 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 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 31, 2024.**