

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

Bill 25-630 “Universal Out of School Time Amendment Act of 2023”

and

Oversight of Out of School Time Programs

on

Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

**Room 412 (Track B)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 25-630 “Universal Out of School Time Amendment Act of 2023”** and *Oversight of Out of School Time Programs*. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:30 am**.

This hearing will discuss what the Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Comes (OST Office), through the Office of the Deputy Mayor, is currently doing to provide equitable access to high-quality, out-of-school-time programs for District students. The Committee is especially concerned with access to programming for students with disabilities, changes to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, and the rollout and development of the MyAfterSchoolDC grant program and parent portal. The stated purpose of **Bill 25-630** is to provide universal access to after-school and summer programming for public school students by 2035. The legislation prioritizes expanding access to students who are at-risk, low-income, criminal justice-involved, or have a disability. The legislation also sets several standards and requirements for the OST Office, which oversees the Out of School Time Commission and a significant portion of out-of-school time funding.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2024**. **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 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 may participate in person or 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. That 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, December 5, 2024.**