



Step Up: Tell Your Story. Change the Narrative.



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

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COUNCILMEMBER DAVID GROSSO
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING

on

Distance Learning in DC Public and Public Charter Schools

On

Friday, October 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)
Office of Cable Television Website (entertainment.dc.gov)

Directions: Use this worksheet to help develop your testimony or send a picture to a member of the WTU organizing committee to have it typed up and shared (if it is handwritten).

Who you are and what makes you an expert:

(Check off any information you do NOT want shared)

Name: _____

Educator for _____ years at _____ in Ward _____.

Education background: _____

I am a DCPS Parent of _____ kids at _____ school(s).

DC Resident of Ward _____.

List any relevant Elected/Civic, Volunteer or other organizations you are an active member in:

Other relevant experience: (LSAT Chair, Building Rep, etc.)



Why are you telling your story?

What issue(s) do you want to address?

Why is this issue happening? (Use the Strategic Framing sheet to get to the root causes and common themes)

How does this impact the children in your classroom and their families?

What specific example(s) of this have you personally seen? (Do not use names, make them care)

What are the larger consequences of this issue if it does not get remedied?

What is the suggested remedy?

What do you believe can improve the situation?

What would your school do with a fairer budget?



Please provide your personal email in case there are follow-up questions regarding your statement

Personal email: _____

- Please sign me up for the Organizing Committee list-host to stay up to date on actions

Note: It is MUCH more effective to share your own testimony in person. It shows your dedication, intensity, and gives a chance for follow-up questions. *Can you commit?*

- Yes, I commit to testifying in person

DC Council Education & Committee of the Whole Public Oversight Committee
Friday, October 2nd, 2020
Virtual Meeting Platform, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Those who wish to testify may sign-up online at bit.do/EducationHearings or call (202) 724-8061 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29.

Include your name, your organization, and your title. Written or recorded testimony can be submitted by email to astrange@dccouncil.us until 5:00 pm on Friday, October 16th.

Power in Numbers – Reach out to others to come with you to testify or as moral support!

Who else is affected by this issue? Try to think of a specific person who you can try to convince to join you and share.

Group Affected (i.e., Parents, students)	Name of a specific person who can also tell their story	Contact Information (Cell phone, email)

What are the common themes that you want each testimony to address? Ideally each person takes a different aspect of the same theme so you aren't just repeating the exact same idea.

Writing Your Testimony in Advance:

- Testimony from individuals should be no more than 4 minutes long (2-2.5 pages),
- If possible, share the testimony with the committee in advance

Harness Social Media to Expand Your Reach!

- Email your testimony to the WTU to share your actions
- Tweet portions of what you write and tag affected parties and @WTUTeacher, #onlywhenitssafe
- Post what you've written to Facebook and tag your teacher friends to do the same
- Watch the hearing live and tweet follow up questions tagging council members (they check!)
 - o <http://dccouncil.us/videos>