

# Fairfax County School Board

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

\*Fairfax County and city residents, FCPS staff, FCPS students, FCPS guardians who are non-Fairfax County residents, and FCPS business partners are eligible

### HOW IT WORKS



<https://www.fcps.edu/school-board/community-participation>

A total of 16 speakers are selected by a random lottery for each regular meeting:

- 10 slots for speakers who choose to address the Board in-person or virtually
- 3 in-person or virtual slots are reserved for current FCPS students
- 3 slots are reserved for video testimony
- 10 speakers are selected for a wait list
- If selected to speak, you are not eligible to speak at the next two meetings (does not include wait list selection)

### HOW TO SIGN-UP



- Online [Google form](#) beginning at 8 a.m. starting on the fourth business day (Friday) before the next regular business meeting (Thursday)
  - form closes 48 hours prior to meeting (Tuesday at 7pm)
- By phone at 571-423-1075 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- When registering to speak, choose your preference for testimony
  - in person testimony
  - live virtual video
  - prerecorded video testimony
- Speakers are notified Tuesday night or Wednesday via email

### WHAT TO EXPECT



- Meetings begin at 7pm in the auditorium of Luther Jackson Middle School
- Posters, flags, signs with sticks or larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches are not allowed
- Agendas can be found online prior to the meeting
- Community participation is early in the meeting after Board Proclamations and you may leave when finished or stay and support other speakers
- Speakers are given two minutes, after which time the microphone will shut off
  - you do NOT have to use the whole two minutes
  - may address any school-related issue except those that have been scheduled for separate public hearings
- The School Board members will not reply or engage
- Speaker substitutions are not permitted, and no one is allowed to join speaker at the podium

Behavior expectations are published [here https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/leadership/school-board/school-board-meetings/speak-school-board-meeting/school-board](https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/leadership/school-board/school-board-meetings/speak-school-board-meeting/school-board)

