

Visitor Comments Instructions Draft

Pre-statement

The school board and administrative staff encourage and appreciate community interest in meetings of the BoE. This section of the agenda is designed to hear the views of community members about their schools and items on the agenda. Each speaker will be asked to address the board at the visitor's podium so that the speaker's remarks can be clearly heard. The speaker should give their name and street address and limit comments to a maximum of five minutes. If a large number of speakers are present, speakers may be limited to three minutes. We prefer grievances about a particular employee to not be shared during a public session, however community members who wish to share personnel concerns may contact the superintendent. It is our general practice not to respond to public comments during our meeting. We remind all speakers that our district values and respects all people as they are and that our district is committed to creating and maintaining safe spaces for all of our students and community members. We request that speakers refrain from using harmful language or language directed at any one particular group of community members, marginalized or otherwise, during their comments. We thank speakers in advance for sharing their comments in a civil and respectful manner and remind speakers that our students are always watching and learning from us.

Post-statement

Again, we want to remind our community that we value public input and always appreciate when our community members remember our district's values, refraining from using harmful or offensive language, and for sharing your comments in a civil and respectful manner. We hope that everyone can be considerate of this expectation. As a reminder, it is our general practice not to respond to public comments during our meeting.