

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

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID GROSSO
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

On

B22-0781, the “Blind Students Literacy and Education Rights Act of 2018,”

B22-0512, the “Commission on Literacy Establishment Act of 2017,”

And

The State of Literacy Efforts

On

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018
10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Councilmember David Grosso announces the scheduling of a public hearing of the Committee on Education on B22-0781, the “Blind Students Literacy and Education Rights Act of 2018,” B22-0512, the “Commission on Literacy Establishment Act of 2017,” and The State of Literacy Efforts. The roundtable will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of B22-0781 is to require that Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for the visually impaired or blind children include instructions in Braille, unless determined inappropriate. The stated purpose of B22-0512 is to establish a Commission on Literacy to develop comprehensive strategies to address disparities, provide support to literacy organizations, and to plan programming and events related to literacy. The hearing will also cover the review of literacy efforts across the District of Columbia to ensure all students are provided with necessary support.

Those who wish to testify may sign-up online at <http://bit.do/educationhearings> or call the Committee on Education at (202) 724-8061 by 5:00pm Monday, October 1, 2018. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. Witnesses appearing on his or her own behalf should limit their testimony to three minutes; witnesses representing organizations should limit their testimony to five minutes.

If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to Ashley

Strange, astrange@dccouncil.us, or by post to the Committee on Education, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 116 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

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