

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

DCPS Initial School Level Budgets

on

Friday, April 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
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Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable of the Committee of the Whole on *DCPS Initial School Level Budgets*. The roundtable will be held on **Friday, April 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.** live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

Each year, the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) publicizes the initial budgets for each of its 118 schools ahead of the release of the Mayor's final budget. And each year, we hear from many school communities that their budgets are being reduced significantly, and schools are feeling forced to reduce critical staff and programs to accommodate the budget cuts. The purpose of this hearing is to examine how the initial school budgets are impacting critical decisions for the upcoming school year, to understand how cutting school budgets – some of which may be restored in the final budget – promotes school stability, and to hear from DCPS Chancellor Lewis Ferebee the justification for reducing initial school budgets. **The hearing is limited to 3 hours and therefore to invited witness only.**

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the roundtable will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Although the witness list for this roundtable is limited, written or transcribed statements from the public are welcomed and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us or may be left by voicemail (up to 3 minutes – which will be transcribed – by calling (202) 430-6948). Testimony received by close of business on Month XX, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation> prior to the roundtable. Written statements timely received will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00 pm on April 16, 2021.