



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION
BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – January 25, 2021 - 6:30PM

The Board of Education of Harford County Budget Public Input Session will be held on January 25, 2021, at 6:30PM with only Board Members, staff, and presenters in attendance virtually. The meeting will be streamed live *and* archived for later viewing on the HCPS [Website](#).

Public Comment Participation Call-In Process

Community members who wish to provide comments during the *Public Comments* segment of the Budget Work Session are required to register by completing this form [Public Comment Registration Form](#).

Registrations **must** be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, January 25, 2021. All fields on the registration form must be completed.

- First and Last name
 - Mailing Address
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
1. Registered speakers will receive an email from HCPS with a Call-in Phone # and a Conference ID # .
 2. Registered speakers are required to call-in and enter the conference ID# at **6:30PM on Monday, January 25, 2021**.
 3. **Important: If you are unable to take your phone off mute, you may need to dial *6.**
 4. All speakers, regardless of affiliation, will receive 3-minutes per speaker. Speakers may be interrupted and be given notice when they have 30 seconds left. When speakers have reached their 3-minute mark, callers will be removed from the meeting.
 5. The Board has allotted one-hour for the *Public Comments* segment of the Budget Input Session.
 6. If you are admitted from the virtual lobby to the meeting within the one-hour time constraint, you will be greeted by an HCPS staff member when it is time to begin your public comment. Expected hold time may vary based on number of registered speakers.
 7. Registration forms are limited to one (1) per person.
 8. In accordance with Board policy, if the number of speakers impede the ability of the Board to complete scheduled business, the Board reserves the right to reduce the amount of time allotted per speaker, or overall time allotted for public comment.
 9. The Board expects that all comments will be submitted with the decorum and respect appropriate to the conduct of public business.
 10. Topics such as personnel matters, pending appeals, specific student disciplinary matters or which constitute commercial solicitations are not permitted.
 11. Disparaging comments, personal attacks, and inflammatory remarks about specific schools or personnel are not permitted. Speakers who engage in these comments will be reminded of the rules and the Board reserves the right to remove the speaker from the call.
 12. All public comments submitted will be part of the records maintained by the Board office.

Speakers are reminded that public comments are considered public information and, as such, are subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.