



NEW LOTHROP AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

To ensure due process and respect for individual rights, the District maintains a formal process for handling complaints against individuals. A concern involving a specific person or incident is most appropriately addressed through administrative channels, where it can be reviewed thoroughly, confidentially, and fairly.

Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner and to respect the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by their comments. While it is not our intent to limit public participation, individuals should understand that statements made during public comment that violate the rights of others, such as remarks that constitute defamation or invade personal privacy, may carry legal consequences. If you are unsure about the legal ramifications of your remarks, we strongly encourage you to consult with your legal advisor before speaking.

To maintain an orderly and respectful environment during public comment, the following rules apply:

- No participant may speak more than once during the public comment period and each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.
- Participants must direct all comments to the Board of Education as a whole and not to individual staff members or other participants in attendance.
- No person may directly address or question individual Board members.
- While the Board will not respond to public comment, the superintendent will follow up with you.

These guidelines help ensure that public comment remains productive, respectful, and aligned with the District's responsibility to protect individual rights and maintain an orderly meeting environment.