SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Guidelines for Public Comment

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
San Mateo County Board of Education Meeting

The San Mateo County Board of Education will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom.

Guidelines for Public Comment

There are three ways in which members of the public may provide comment as part of this San Mateo County Board of Education meeting:

1) Send Comments in Advance:

Members of the public may email comments for the San Mateo County Board of Education in advance of the meeting to info@smcoe.org using the subject line: "Comment for November 18 Board Meeting". All comments sent in advance of the meeting will be shared with the San Mateo County Board of Education.

2) Provide Comment in Real-Time Remotely During Meeting:

Members of the public who wish to remotely provide comment must first register to gain access to the meeting. To begin this process, click here: https://bit.ly/smcboe11182026. After registering, the participant will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

To provide comment during the meeting, use the "Raise Hand" feature:

- To raise your hand on a PC or Mac desktop/laptop, click the button labeled "Raise Hand" at the bottom of the window on the right side of the screen. Lower your hand by clicking the same button, now labeled "Lower Hand."

- To raise your hand on a mobile device, tap "Raise Hand" at the bottom left corner of the screen. The hand icon will turn blue, and the text below will say "Lower Hand" while your hand is raised. To lower your hand, click on "Lower Hand."

- To raise your hand when participating on a land line, press *9.

Speakers must raise their hand during Agenda Item 2, the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting, in order to comment on topics not included on the approved agenda. To comment on specific agenda items, speakers must use the "Raise Hand" feature immediately preceding the item on which they wish to comment.

Once your hand is raised, please wait to be acknowledged by the Board President who, aided by the meeting facilitator, will call on speakers. When called upon, speakers will be unmuted. After the allotted time, speakers will be placed on mute.

3) Provide Comment In-Person During Meeting:

- Speaking to Issues Not on the Agenda:
  To speak to an item that is not on the agenda, please fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Superintendent. Speakers addressing an item that is not on the agenda will be called during Agenda Item 2, Public Comment.

- Speaking to Specific Agenda Items:
  To speak to an item on the agenda, please fill out a speaker card, indicate the agenda item, and hand the card to the Superintendent. When the requested agenda item comes before the Board, the Board President will call the speaker forward.

As a Reminder – County Board Protocols Regarding Public Comment

The County Board of Education does not act upon any matter that has not been agendized except under limited circumstances as permitted by law. It is the policy of the County Board to refer matters raised in this forum to staff for investigation and/or action where appropriate. Please note each speaker is limited to three minutes. We ask all speakers to keep within the time limits.

All comments will be publicly posted.

Thank you!