

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 24-77, District of Columbia Public Schools Technology Equity Act of 2021**

**Friday, November 5, 2021 at 12:00pm**

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast**  
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Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on Bill 24-77, "District of Columbia Public Schools Technology Equity Act of 2021". The hearing will be held on **Friday, November 5, 2021 at 12:00 p.m Noon.** via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The stated purpose of Bill 24-0077 is to require the development of a comprehensive, multi-year technology plan for the District of Columbia Public Schools to support quality, equitable education that ensures one-to-one student and teacher device ratios, practical digital literacy training, robust remote and in-person school IT support and maintenance, improved technology infrastructure, and sufficient internet access for all to support learning in schools and at home. The purpose of this hearing is to hear testimony from DCPS and the public on DCPS's current plan to ensure, robust, and equitable technology for students and teachers and to enhance internet.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2021. **Testimony is limited to three minutes.** Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please contact Destiny Riley at (202) 724-8196.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Because of this, written or transcribed testimony from the public is highly encouraged and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto: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 November 4, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testimony> prior to the hearing. If you are unable to testify, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us). The record will close at 5:00pm on November 19, 2021.