

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Weston School Committee believes that one of its paramount responsibilities is to listen to the citizens it represents and keep itself informed of their opinions and viewpoints on school matters.

Therefore, the public shall always be welcome at all official meetings of the School Committee except those designated as executive sessions.

It shall be the policy of the Committee to designate a portion of each meeting as an open forum, thus encouraging community members to bring forth their comments, questions, and concerns. The Chairman reserves the right to choose to recognize speakers at occasions other than the designated open forum.

The Chairman shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves; for maintaining proper order; and for adhering to time limits. When possible and advisable, questions asked by the public will be answered immediately by the chairman or referred to a staff member present for reply; questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for consideration and later response.

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