

Until further notice, per Executive Order N-29-20 from Gov. Newsom, the San Diego County Board of Education meetings will be conducted via a virtual environment using Zoom. In the interest of reducing the spread of COVID-19, no in-person public participation is currently allowed. Members of the public can participate in the "Public Comment" portion of San Diego County Board of Education meetings by providing live or written comment as detailed below.

Written Comments

Members of the public may submit **written comments** through our online public-comment submission form (<https://www.sdcoe.net/public-comment>). Written comments may be submitted up until the consideration of an agenda item. All written comments will be provided to each board member and posted on the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) website in lieu of being read aloud at the meeting. Any written comments received after the agenda item has been considered may not be included in the online posting of timely submitted written comments or provided to board members.

Live Comments

Members of the public who desire to make a **live public comment** during a County Board of Education meeting can do so by selecting the "Live Comment" option when completing the online public-comment submission form (<https://www.sdcoe.net/public-comment>). **All live public comment requests must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting to allow for SDCOE staff to distribute call-in information to individual speakers.** After a member of the public has completed the form, SDCOE staff will email the individual with a call-in number and detailed instructions on the process of addressing the board.

Live comments will remain limited to three minutes per person and donations of time will not be permitted. Due to the maximum allotted time of 20 minutes of public input per topic, only the first 20 individuals who have submitted a timely request for live public comment will receive call-in information. During the board meeting, public speakers will be identified to comment in the order in which they called into the meeting. On the day of the board meeting, public speakers may call in as early as 5:45 p.m.

General Guidelines for Public Comment Submissions (live or written)

- Only one public comment submission per item shall be submitted by a member of the public.
- Members of the public may submit a written comment or request to provide live comment by completing the online public-comment submission form (<https://www.sdcoe.net/public-comment>); the link is active once the agenda is published.
- If a written comment is submitted after the agenda item has been discussed, it may be excluded from the online posting of timely submitted written comments and/or excluded from being distributed to board members.
- A request to address the board through live comment must be submitted by 12 p.m. (noon) the day of the meeting.
- Public speakers may call in as early as 5:45 p.m. on the day of the board meeting. During the public comment period of the board meeting, the speaker will be called on in the order the individual called into the meeting. Each public speaker may have up to three minutes to address the board.