

Until further notice, in accordance with Gov. Code section 54953, 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 made available on the San Diego County Office of Education 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 but may be maintained as a public record.

### 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 calling **858-293-1398** up until the time each agenda item's public comment period has elapsed or the item has been considered by the board. 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. Live comments will remain limited to three minutes per person and donations of time will not be permitted. **Not all individuals who call-in will be guaranteed time to speak if the public comment period per topic exceeds 20 minutes.** Furthermore, due to the maximum allotted time of 20 minutes of public input per topic, only the first seven (7) individuals who have called into the meeting to provide public comment (per topic) are guaranteed time to address the board live. An individual is not guaranteed time to provide live public comment if the specific agenda item they have called in for has seven (7) or more individuals ahead of them in the queue. Such individuals may wish to submit a written comment, as described above, to ensure their comments are provided to the board.

### General Guidelines for Public Comment Submissions (live or written)

- Only one written public comment per item shall be submitted by a member of the public. Members of the public may submit their written comment by completing the online public-comment submission form here: <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. However, it will be maintained as a public record.
- 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.
- Not all individuals who call-in will be guaranteed time to speak if the public comment period per topic exceeds 20 minutes.