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## **Public Comment Information and Guidelines**

The first public comment period will be held at the beginning of the meeting.

- Please place your name, address, and email address or phone number on the sign-up sheet. If you are participating virtually, please list this information in the chat feature.
- Only live statements will be permitted; no previously recorded statements are allowed.
- The first public comment period will not exceed 20 minutes in duration. The period may be extended by a majority vote of the Board.
- Speakers will be recognized by the BOE President, at which time each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak.
- Speakers are to discuss school matters only and comply with <u>DCSD Policy #1510</u> in regard to content. No derogatory comments regarding any persons will be tolerated.
- The BOE Vice President will enforce the public comment ground rules set forth above.

A second public comment period will be held just prior to the close of the meeting or adjournment into executive session in accordance with the guidance's above and the time limits below:

- The second public comment period will not exceed ten (10) minutes in duration. The period may be extended by a majority vote of the Board.
- Each speaker's comment will not exceed two (2) minutes in duration.
- Speakers are to discuss current meeting's agenda items only and will comply with <u>DCSD Policy #1510</u> in regard to content.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Board cannot permit public discussions involving individual district personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual district personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the teacher, the building administrator or Superintendent during regular business hours.

**REMINDER:** Please be mindful that these meetings are meetings of the Board of Education required by Open Meeting Law to be held in a public setting. There is no requirement that school boards allow members of the public to speak at school board meetings, however, Dryden Central School District respects and values the members of the Dryden community and welcomes public comment provided that the guidelines above are followed.

If you have concerns but would prefer not to speak during public comment, you are free to write or email the Board of Education. (BOE@dryden.k12.ny.us)