

Public Comment: Sharing Your Voice with the CG Board

Public Comment is an important part of our Board meetings and a key way for our school community to share feedback, questions, and ideas with the Board. Including time for public comment during board meetings reflects our school's commitment to transparency, inclusion, and partnership. Hearing directly from family members, staff and broader community stakeholders helps ensure our decisions are grounded in lived experiences and community perspectives.

We value the voices in our community and are committed to engaging with respect, curiosity, and care. Public Comment is one way we work together to strengthen our school and ensure our decisions reflect the shared priorities of our students, families, and staff.

To this end, Public Comment is not intended to be a debate or back-and-forth conversation, but rather an opportunity for the Board to listen deeply, take note of concerns or questions, and ensure that appropriate follow-up occurs.

How to Participate

1. Submit your comment in advance.

Those who wish to make a Public Comment must complete the [Public Comment Form](#) by 12:00 p.m. on the day before the Board meeting.

Note: You can also use the same form to communicate with the Board without speaking at the meeting—simply check the box indicating you do not wish to make a Public Comment.

2. Join the meeting.

Attend in person or via Zoom (depending on meeting format), joining at least 5 minutes before the meeting start time.

Each speaker will have up to 3 minutes to share their comment. The Board Chair will acknowledge each comment, though the Board will not respond in real time in order to ensure every voice is heard and the board or administration can prepare a complete response.

What to Expect After the Meeting

1. **Acknowledgement:** The Board Chair will send an email follow-up within 2 weeks of the meeting to confirm your comment has been received and referred to the appropriate party.
2. **Response:** The CEO (or designee) will provide a written response to your comment prior to the next month's Board meeting.
3. **Transparency:** The topic of your comment and the Board/administrative response will be included in the agenda or minutes of the subsequent meeting.