

Do you want to speak during the Tacoma School Board meeting tonight?

The school board designates a public comment period as part of one board meeting each month.

For tonight's meeting, the public comment period will follow the board's regular agenda. During this period, members of the public may address the board on any subject.

Comments should relate to items of public interest within the board's jurisdiction. The law prohibits the board from taking action on items not on the agenda.

Board members will not normally respond directly to the comments, but speakers are assured that their comments are very important and will be addressed in a different forum.

School board members encourage public participation. Your input is appreciated. If you would like to address the school board, follow these steps:

- Sign up to speak at one of the sign-up stations at the back of the auditorium.
- School Board President Kurt Miller or Superintendent Art Jarvis will call your name when it is your turn to address the school board. Please speak into the microphone.

You will have up to two minutes to address the board. Board President Miller may provide additional guidance at the beginning of the public comment period.

If you are part of a group, you are encouraged to designate a spokesperson to speak on your behalf in the interest of time and to allow as many perspectives to be shared as possible. But that is not a requirement.

If you don't get a chance to speak to the board – or you would like to provide your input in another way – you will find blue comment cards at the back of the room where you can write out your comments and post the card on one of the display boards. You also may type your comments in an email format to the Superintendent and Board members at one of the computer stations set up at the back of the room.