



# THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 5400, Falls Church, VA 22042

## **School Board Expectations for Community Participation**

- Speakers may address any school-related issue except those that have been scheduled for separate public hearings - including budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Comments targeting, criticizing, or attacking individual students are not permitted during public meetings.
- Complaints regarding school-based employees should be directed to the appropriate school principal or other school officials.
- Speakers should not use personally identifiable information in connection with an individual student or school-based employee.
- Speakers should be respectful and observe proper decorum in their statements, avoiding profanity, inappropriate gestures, shouting, and comments that run counter to the spirit and letter of the school division's non-discrimination policy, which protects students and staff from discrimination based on age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability.
- Speakers must limit their remarks to no more than two (2) minutes and direct their comments to the School Board, and should remain at the podium until concluding their remarks.
- Only the speaker may stand at the podium; they may not be joined by others.
- Speaker substitutions are not permitted. A speaker may not yield their time to another individual.
- At the conclusion of two (2) minutes, the microphone or video will be turned off.

***Questions? Contact the School Board Clerk's office at (571) 423-1075 or [communityparticipation@fcps.edu](mailto:communityparticipation@fcps.edu).***