

# **GEORGETOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS**

## **REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

I would like to speak to the Board concerning the following matter:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a student(s) enrolled in the Georgetown Schools? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Grade(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

You have 5 minutes to speak. Please be respectful of the time limitations.

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**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

This policy recognizes that although the Ohio Revised Code or the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce does NOT give the public the right to speak at a board of education meeting, The Georgetown Exempted Village School District Board of Education does encourage and welcome public participation at meetings. However, speakers are required to follow the guidelines set forth by the Georgetown board of Education.

### **GUIDELINES:**

1. A request to speak form must be completed and given to the Board President at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Forms may also be dropped off at the Superintendent's Office prior to 3:15 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
2. Request to speak forms can be found on the district website and can also be obtained at each Board of Education meeting.
3. Speaking topics are limited to only those with relevance to the overall educational process. The Board of Education President will determine if the topic is relevant.
4. In order to speak at a meeting, speakers must be:
  - a. Current students at GEVSD
  - b. Adults who live in the GEVSD
  - c. Parents/guardians of students who are open-enrolled
  - d. Current staff members
5. Speaking time is limited to 5 minutes. A speaker will be notified when they have 1 minute of time remaining. This is to promote concise, organized and clear presentation, as well as fairness by assuring that any and all speakers have an equal amount of time before the Board.
6. The Board of Education will not engage in a dialogue with the speaker. However, the Board or its representative may follow up with the speaker at a later date and time.
7. The speaker's name and topic will be entered into the public record in such a manner that no confidentiality or privacy laws will be broken.
8. The speaker acknowledges by signing the request to speak form that speaking to the Board of Education is not a right, but a privilege and such will present in a respectful and non-hostile manner and that they understand and agree with the policy.

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**Signature**

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**Date**