

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC FORUM

If the Board/Board President wishes to have the Board President make an introductory statement at the beginning of the Public Forum, the following may serve as a starting point which could be modified at the discretion of the Board/Board President and which is consistent with local board policy.

This is the time for the Public Forum.

Each individual wishing to address the Board is asked to sign the form on the table in back of the room with their name, address, email and topic to be addressed being legible. Persons having signed in will be recognized and have an opportunity to speak.

Speakers will have _____ minutes to present comments to the school board. An extension of time may be granted pursuant to Board policy. Should more than one person wish to address the school board on the same agenda item, or should the comments become repetitious, speaker time may be shortened.

The District has policies related to complaints involving bullying, sexual harassment, school employees or students. Those policies include procedures designed to balance the rights of the person(s) bringing the complaint and the rights of the person against whom the complaint is made. If a complaint about bullying, sexual harassment, school employees or students is brought to the Board during the public forum, the person will be informed as to the applicable complaint procedure.

Notes: All Board members should be aware that SDCL 22-18-35(3) says any person who intentionally causes serious public inconvenience; annoyance, or alarm to any other person, or creates a risk thereof by disturbing any lawful assembly or meeting of persons without lawful authority is a criminal offense (Class 2 Misdemeanor). This statute could be referenced in extreme situations if a speaker/group fails to respect the decorum expected during a formal governmental meeting.

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