

# HOW TO WRITE TESTIMONY FOR A BOARD MEETING

Thank you so much for your interest in speaking at the upcoming HISD Board Meeting! **Parent and community voice is incredibly powerful, and HISD leaders want to hear your stories to help inform them about decision-making.**

There is power in numbers, and having more parents and community speak on a specific issue will draw more attention to why this policy is important for students. **The Parent Action Network wants to support parents in elevating their voices, experiences, and shift the quality of education for their children.**

Each speaker who registers to speak generally gets **one (1) minute** to speak.

### Parts of testimony:

- Introduce yourself and thank the board for their time, and thank them for putting students first.
- Give a brief statement on the issue you are addressing.
- Explain why this issue matters to you and/or what improvement you'd like to see.
- Let the board know what action you'd like to see them take for the district.
- Say thank you once again.

### Tips:

For added impact, email your testimony to any of the board members ahead of the meeting you will speak at, and then send a thank you note after.

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