

School Board Listening Session Guidelines for Speaking About Individuals

Prior to school board study sessions on the second Monday of the month, the School Board will host a listening session from 6 - 6:45 p.m. Bloomington Public Schools parents/caregivers, students, staff and Bloomington residents are invited to comment to the School Board.

As a reminder to speakers, our Listening Sessions are an opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns about or support of School District matters. It is not the proper venue for a person to make complaints about individual staff members, students, or members of the public as such statements may contain private information which is inappropriate in a public forum, and which may subject the speaker to allegations of slander or libel. Should complaints about a staff member or student arise, please follow the proper process and channels through the school district as this protects all parties involved.

The school board chair may ask any speaker to desist from such comments which would violate state or federal law, school district policies, or the right of privacy of an individual. Any speaker who persists in making such remarks may lose their privilege to address the board in future Listening Sessions.