

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Members of the community, including students enrolled in the school, are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School Regional Board to observe its deliberations. Any member of the community may address the Regional School Board on matters related to Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School at any regular meeting as follows: Persons wishing to address the Regional School Board are requested to contact the Clerk of the Regional School Board or their designee for placement on the agenda. In order to address the Regional School Board, the speaker must provide the Clerk with a summary of his/her comments by 10:00 am on the last business day prior to the meeting at which he or she desires to be heard. On the day of the meeting the member of the community must visit the Clerk’s table prior to the Public Information Period to receive a copy of Regulation 1024-R and acknowledge that he or she understands the protocol guidelines.

The chair is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and rules on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and length of time for such presentation. Upon recognition by the chair, the speaker shall address the chair and if, at the conclusion of the speaker’s remarks, any member of the Regional School Board desires further information, the member will address the speaker only with the permission of the chair. No one is allowed to make additional presentations until everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to make an initial presentation.

### Student Participation

Students enrolled in the school are permitted to address the Regional School Board during any public comment or citizen participation portion of a regional school board meeting. Such students must follow the same sign-up procedures and rules and restrictions relating to time, place, and manner of speaking that are adopted by the Regional School Board and applicable to all public participants.

The Regional School Board may require a student to provide identification in the form of a current student identification card or other school document, such as a report card or a personal school email address, before allowing the student to provide oral comments, in accordance with Virginia law.

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