



Step Up: Tell Your Story. Change the Narrative.

Who you are and what makes you an expert:

- Educator for ____ years at _____ in Ward ____.
- Education background: _____
- DCPS Parent
- DC Resident of Ward ____ who votes.
- Any relevant Elected/Civic, Volunteer or other organizations you are an active member in? List them:

- Other relevant experience:

Use this worksheet as an outline & type up your testimony

Should I worry?

- You are protected by the 1st Amendment
- If DCPS illegally attempts to retaliate: document it and report it to the WTU

Why are you telling your story?

What issue(s) do you want to address?

How are you going to strategically frame the issue? (Use the Strategic Framing sheet to get to the root causes)

How does this impact the children in your classroom and their families?

What specific example(s) of this have you personally seen? (Do not use names w/o permission, make them care)

What are the larger consequences of this issue if it does not get remedied?



What is the suggested remedy?

What do you believe can improve the situation? What would your school do with extra money?

DC Council Budget Testimony

Thursday April 27, 2017

10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m., Hearing Room 500, John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Sign-up using the link: <http://bit.do/educationhearings> or call the Committee on Education at (202) 724-8061 by 5:00pm Tuesday April 25, 2017.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday May 11, 2017.

Power in Numbers – Reach out to others to come with you to testify or as moral support!

Who else is affected by this issue? For each, try to think of a specific person who you can try to convince to join you and tell their story.

Group Affected (i.e., Parents, students)	Name of a specific person who can also tell their story	Contact Information (Cell phone, email)

What are the common themes that you want each testimony to address? Ideally each person takes a different aspect of the same theme so you aren't just repeating the exact same idea.

Writing Your Testimony in Advance:

- Testimony from individuals should be no more than 3 minutes long (2-2.5 pages),
 - o Groups and Officials get 5 minutes (3-4 pages)
- If possible, bring 10 printed copies of your testimony with you so they can read along

Harness Social Media to Expand Your Reach!

- Email your testimony to dialogue@wtulocal6.org to tell the WTU about your action
- Tweet portions of what you write and tag affected parties and @WTUTeacher
- Post what you've written to Facebook and tag your teacher friends