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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board of Education, except executive sessions, shall be open to the public. Interested persons of the Aurora Public Schools are encouraged to attend meetings of the Board, but any person who disturbs good order may be required to leave.

The Board of Education welcomes constructive suggestions and comments which may help to meet the educational needs of students of the District and improve its operation. Community members of the Aurora Public Schools are urged to contact the building principal or the Office of the Superintendent of Schools for assistance prior to bringing a particular problem or concern to the Board of Education. If a community member is unable to obtain satisfaction through the District's administration, a letter may be sent to the Board containing detailed information about the problem.

Persons residing within the boundaries of the Aurora Public Schools, employees and students of the Aurora Public Schools, officials of the State of Colorado or other school systems wishing to address the Board, are required to complete the appropriate form which will be found on the sign-up table, indicating under which agenda item they wish to speak. The form will be collected when the Board of Education begins the "Information Items," "Action Items" and the "Concluding Items" portions of the agenda. The President shall call on those persons who have signed the forms at the appropriate place in the Board proceedings.

Other persons who are non-residents of the geographical area served by the Aurora Public Schools desiring to address the Board may sign up to do so. However, the Board reserves the right to determine if it will be able to hear comments from such persons.

The Board of Education reserves the right to limit the length of presentations or comments to three minutes, and to terminate public discussion with regard to any issue as it deems appropriate. The Board also reserves the right to recognize any individual who may wish to address them. If citizens anticipate the need for additional time beyond the normal three minutes, they are urged to prepare a written statement which will be distributed to Board members in advance. This is very helpful in providing background information prior to the time a person addresses the Board.

If there are a large number of persons who sign up to speak on a single topic, the presiding officer

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may require that the group select representative speakers and comment for no more than 15 minutes, or such other longer time as the presiding officer deems appropriate.

Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, the speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks.

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