

School Board Listening Time Schedule Change

Beginning Monday, July 7, 2025, School Board Listening Time will be held before the first business meeting of each month.

This is a change in structure from previous Listening Times, previously held before the second business meeting of each month.

Listening Time provides an opportunity for the school district community to share comments, concerns, questions and ideas with representatives of the school board and the superintendent. For more information on School Board Listening Time, please visit rdale.org/discover/school-board.

Facilitating this Listening Time will be Helen Bassett, School Board Director - with Dr. Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Chair and Aviva Hillenbrand, School Board Treasurer.

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Welcome to the Robbinsdale School Board Listening Time

Your input is welcome and valued!

Listening Time provides an opportunity for the school district community to present comments, concerns, questions and ideas to representatives of the school board and district administration. Respectful communication is essential to ensure full understanding of each topic presented.

- Listening Time begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at or before 6:50 p.m. prior to the first school board meeting of the month (except when the calendar does not permit).
- The School Board Facilitator will allow **three minutes per speaker** to ensure all topics are heard.
- Respectful communication is essential to ensure full understanding of each topic presented

Procedure for Participation in the Listening Time:

- ★ Complete the “Speaker Information Form” available online, and are accepted electronically until 3:00 p.m. on the day of Listening Time. After 3:00 p.m., please fill out a paper form and give it to the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board to add to the list of speakers prior to the start of Listening Time..
- ★ Topics will be heard in the order in which the forms are received.
- ★ Speakers should ensure information is accurate and concise.
- ★ Due to School Board [207 AP: Public Hearings](#), section III. Procedures, under C. Public Participation, Number 5. - “Personal attacks by anyone addressing the school board are unacceptable. **Persistence in such remarks by an individual shall terminate that person’s privilege to address the school board.**”
- ★ Speakers are expected to adhere to School Board policy [504 AP: Student Dress and Appearance](#), section II. General Statement of Policy
- ★ Individual or group time will be no longer than three minutes. In the case of a large number of attendees, the Board will limit comments to 2-3 designated spokespersons per topic.
- ★ Keep topic information accurate and concise.
- ★ The Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board (or a designee) will distribute appropriate documents you would like to share.
- ★ If the School Board facilitator or an administrator determines follow-up action is necessary, a response will be provided following deeper inquiry as needed for a response.
- ★ Once all those seeking to speak have spoken, the facilitator will announce the opportunity to speak to the audience, and remind everyone of the form completion request. If no other speakers come forward, the facilitator will end the Listening Session, and declare it closed.

We appreciate your input.

The Robbinsdale Area Schools Board of Education



School Board Listening Time Procedure and Form

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Procedure for participation in the Listening Time - read and sign at the bottom:

1. Complete the "Speaker Information Form" below; copies are available online, and are accepted until 3 p.m. on the day of Listening Time. After 3 p.m., please fill out a paper form and give it to the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board to add to the list of speakers prior to the start of Listening Time.
2. Topics will be heard in the order in which they are received.
3. Speakers should ensure information is accurate and concise.
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5. Individual or group time will be no longer than three minutes. In the case of a large number of attendees, the Board will permit 2-3 spokespersons to speak per topic.
6. The Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board will distribute any documents you would like to share.
7. The School Board facilitator or an administrator will determine if a follow-up action is necessary. Please note that inquiries that require further research will receive responses as needed once the information is gathered.

I have read and understand the procedure for participation in the Listening Time, and agree to follow the procedure:

Signature _____

SPEAKER INFORMATION FORM

Date _____

Name _____ Phone/Email _____

Address _____

Topic you wish to present (REQUIRED): _____

To whom in the district have you already spoken with regarding your topic? _____

Topic summary _____

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