

Public Hearing: Collective Bargaining Resolution

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What is your relationship to ACPS? * Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

I am signing up to... * Submit Comments in Writing

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I am writing in support of a fair collective bargaining resolution, to include: democratic elections with no turnout threshold; the ability to negotiate on more issues, including topics such as policies, regulations, and health and safety that are prohibited in the current (February 22) draft; and negotiations to take place in open sessions, instead of behind closed doors.

As a parent of a child in ACPS, I know that teacher working conditions are student learning conditions; and as a community member, I know that collective bargaining is not just about pay and benefits for our educators: it is about improving our schools as places to work and learn, as places where people will want to come to work and learn, and where they will want to stay.

A good collective bargaining agreement will be part of that, and agreeing to a fair, transparent bargaining process from the outset will ultimately benefit everyone involved.
