

ESD PARENTS UNITED

No Kid Should Have to Choose Between Sleep and School.



How to Submit a Public Comment to the School Board

Public comment is one of the most direct ways to influence this decision. Comments become part of the official record and are read by every board member. Use this guide to submit a written comment, or to prepare a 3-minute spoken comment at a board meeting.

TWO WAYS TO COMMENT

- Written: Submit through the link under the public comments section of the meeting's agenda on BoardDocs (go.boarddocs.com/wa/edmonds/Board.nsf/Public). The board reads every written comment, and it's attached to the meeting agenda permanently.
- In person: Sign up at the meeting itself. Each speaker gets 3 minutes. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM, typically the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, in the Boardroom at the Educational Services Center, 20420 68th Ave W, Lynnwood.

Next regular board meeting: August 18, 2026.

WHAT THE DISTRICT REQUIRES YOU TO INCLUDE

- Your name
- Your city of residence
- Your relationship to the district (parent, staff, community member, etc.)
- The agenda item or topic you're addressing

WHAT MAKES A COMMENT ACTUALLY LAND

- Be specific about the idea you're presenting, don't try to cover everything
- Explain how it impacts Edmonds families, real details beat general statements
- State clearly what you want the board to do
- Keep it civil and specific to district work, not personal attacks on any board member or staff
- If quoting an article, study, or post, don't read it verbatim, just share the link and explain why it matters

Template: Written Comment

Fill in the blanks below, then paste into the BoardDocs comment form for the meeting you're addressing.

My name is _____, and I live in _____.

I am a [parent of a student at _____ / ESD staff member / community member], and I'm writing about the proposed 7:20 AM elementary start time.

[Your main point, in your own words. What's happening in your family because of this proposal? Pick one story or one fact, not everything at once.]

[Why this matters. Connect your point to the bigger picture, health, safety, equity, or the process itself.]

I'm asking the board to [reconsider the 7:20 AM elementary start time before it's finalized / commit to a new survey that names affected schools / delay the vote until X, etc. Be specific.]

Thank you for your time and for representing Edmonds families.

Template: 3-Minute Spoken Comment

This is roughly 400-450 words at a natural speaking pace. Practice it out loud once, three minutes goes fast.

Good evening. My name is _____, I live in _____, and I'm a [parent of a student at _____ / staff member / community member].

[Open with your strongest point. One sentence. Make the board lean in.]

[Give one concrete example, from your own family, your school, or the district's own data. Specific beats general.]

[Say why this matters beyond just your family, connect to safety, equity, or the flawed process, whichever fits your story.]

[State exactly what you're asking the board to do. One clear ask, not a list.]

Thank you for your time.

ESD Parents United. One community, one ask.

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