



# **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**

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## **BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 6, 2022; 4:00 PM**

**Call to Order - Joyce S. Wilkerson, President**

**Roll Call - Lynn Rauch, Esq., General Counsel**

### **Written Testimony**

- Written Testimony

### **Registered Speakers**

- Speaker:  
Topic:

Registered  
Student  
Speakers

- Speaker:  
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**Adjourned**

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Board Comments submitted by Sonya Brintnall on behalf of SLPs Initiative for PA Schools (SIPs)

October 3, 2022

RE:

Professional Development for Speech Language Pathologists

For the first time in memory, the entire planned 2022-2023 School Year Professional Development schedule and speakers for SLPs were canceled or postponed with little notice. Canceled topics would have addressed equitable practice for English Language Learners, issues raised in litigation, as well as high leverage practice in our field.

- October 7th is a scheduled PD day and we do not have professional development to support our licensure. The canceled PD that had been scheduled for this date would have provided learners with skills to assess English Language Learners, an issue for which SDP underwent a corrective action several years ago, requiring additional Professional Development.
- SLPs require continuing education courses and credits to maintain both state licensure as well as the national certification.
- SLPs require these credentials to bill and generate funds for the Philadelphia School District through the ACCESS program.
- Loss of PD puts increased demands on SLPs balancing the provision of mandated services while maintaining credentials.
- Providing professional development supports attracting and retaining SLPs. Results from 2021-2022 SLPs' for PA Schools (SIPS) survey indicated that 82% of district SLPs felt it was important to receive ASHA CEUs through district PDs. In other words, loss of our professional development programming may exacerbate already **significant understaffing** within our department.

We are looking forward to a speedy resolution to this pressing problem.

Tamara Sepe MS/CCC-SLP, CW Henry School
Sonya Brintnall, MS, CCC-SLP, Samuel Powel Elementary School
Gabriella Mannino, MS, CCC-SLP, Emlen Elementary and AMY Northwest
Leigh Abramson, M.S. CCC-SLP, Samuel Pennypacker School and A.B. Day School
Dana Szarek, MA, CF-SLP, Fitzpatrick Elementary School

Phillip Hernandez, EdD, CCC-SLP, Lewis Elkin School
Sha'Laina Sample, MS, CCC-SLP, Julia Howe School
Alyse Greenfield, M.S., CCC-SLP, John H. Webster Elementary School
Amy Sponenberg-Green, MS CCC-SLP, Henry H. Houston Elementary School
Allison Britt, MA, CCC-SLP, J.S. Jenks School
Claire Golden, M.A., CCC-SLP, F.S. Edmonds Elementary
Susan Brook, MS, CCC-SLP, Hancock Elementary
Kristin Winkelspecht, MS, CCC-SLP, Shawmont School
Miriam Sanchez, M.S., CCC-SLP
Meng McLendon, MS, CCC-SLP, W.D. Kelley School
Keyra-Nicole Lecointe, MS, CCC-SLP, Lamberton School
Molly Fischman, MS, CCC-SLP, School of the Future
Stephanie Ash, MA CCC/SLP, Widener Memorial School
Chasse Guerrero, MS CCC-SLP, Henry C Lea Elementary
Kaitlyn Schock, MS, CCC-SLP, Prince Hall School
Abigail Jackson, MS, CCC-SLP, SPS
Samantha Caruso, M.S. CCC-SLP, J.W. Catharine School
Kim Behling, MA CCC-SLP, Andrew Hamilton School
James Segilia, M.S., CCC-SLP, Alexander Adaire School
Jayna Becker, M.A. CCC-SLP; Sharswood George School
Janice Evans Bernstein MA CCC/SLP
Miriam Thomas, MA, CCC-SLP NE High School
Joshua Peckman, MA, CCC-SLP, James R Ludlow School
Kerry Adams, CCC-SLP, Stephen Decatur Elementary School
Jennifer Chiu, MA, CCC-SLP, Key and Coppin Schools
katharine harriston MS CCC SLP
Jessie Hansen, MS, CF-SLP, F. Amadee Bregy School
Edward Tierney, MA CCC-SLP Vare-Washington
Cheyenne DeMulder, MA, CCC-SLP, James Logan School
Amy Eckert, M.S., CCC-SLP/L, Alexander K. McClure Elementary
Christopher Johnson, SLP, John Patterson Elementary School
Hannah nicolas ms ccc slp solis Cohen elementary school
Gregory McNichol, MA, CCC-SLP, Anne Frank Elementary School

Briana Stewart, MS, CCC-SLP, Widener Memorial School
Aja Centrone, MS, CCC-SLP, Alain Locke School
Sarah Rosenberg, MS, CCC-SLP, Widener Memorial School
Rebecca Picerno MS CCC- SLP, Greenberg Joseph School
Jordyn Freed M.S. CCC-SLP, Stephen Decatur Elementary School
Jamila Vazquez, MS, CCC-SLP, S. Solis Cohen
Barbara Atkins, MA, CCC-SLP, Penn Treaty School, Parkway Center City
Maureen Skaates, MS CCC-SLP, Grover Washington Jr Middle School
Emily J Goldberg, MA, CCC-SLP, Ben Franklin HS, SLA, Masterman
Jillian Ehrlich, MA, CCC-SLP, William Rowen School
Emily Weiner, MS, CCC-SLP, Gilbert Spruance School
Kate Manners, MS, CCC-SLP, Barton School
Mary Sullivan, MS, CCC-SLP
Tamar Bonne-Année, MA, CCC-SLP, Thomas Mifflin Elementary School
Lauren Firely, MA, CCC-SLP, Furness High School
Michael J. McDonald, MA/SLP
Carli Herman, MS, SLP, Henry Lawton School
Maria de Sousa MS SLP CCC
Margaret Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP
Sarahanne Beegle, MA CCC-SLP, Bache-Martin School
Elizabeth Wright, MS MA CCC-SLP, George Washington high school
Alicia Wileczek, MA, CCC-SLP, James Rhoads School
Alexis Good, M.S. CCC-SLP/L, James Dobson School
Kristen O'Leary, MA-CCC-SLP
Abby Lambert, MS, CCC-SLP, Chester Arthur School
Anne Briskey, MS, CCC-SLP, John Moffet School
Lauren Bevan, MS, CCC-SLP, Horatio Hackett Elementary School
Terri Tudor M.S., CCC-SLP - Nebinger Elementary School
Suzanne Krueger MA CCC-SLP McMichael Elementary
Ina Beqiri, MA, CCC-SLP, G.W. Childs School
Olivia Rossetti, MS, CCC-SLP, Taggart School
Courtney Regan, MS, CCC-SLP, Watson Comly School
Kristen Spearman

Jamie Smith, MS, CCC-SLP, Stephen Girard Elementary

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**Registered Student Speakers**

1. Caia Farrell, Student  
Topic: Bullying



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1. Lisa Haver, Alliance for  
Philadelphia Public Schools  
Topic: Public Engagement and  
Student Safety
2. Lynda Rubin, Community Member  
Topic: Leveling
3. Kristin Luebbert, District Staff  
Member  
Topic: Leveling & Support for  
Neighborhood schools
4. Mollie Michel, Parent  
Topic: School Selection  
Process/Bullying/PSSAs
5. Scott Peterman, Community Member  
Topic: School Board Relations with  
our Charter Community
6. Horace Clouden, PCAC Member  
Topic: Junior High Schools
7. Gail Clouden, Community Member  
Topic: Student Behavior
8. Leah Clouden, Community Member  
Topic: Education/Importance of  
Junior High School
9. Anthony Franklin, Parent  
Topic: Youth Gun Violence and  
Prevention Measures