## FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD 25 Bernard Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151 Public Comment Form

Public comment gives the citizens of Franklin County, parents/guardians of students currently enrolled in Franklin County Public Schools, and the employees of Franklin County Public Schools an opportunity to address the School Board on matters appropriate to the responsibilities of the Board. There shall be a maximum time limit of three (3) minutes for comments from each speaker with a maximum time limit of 30 minutes allocated for Public Comment at each regular monthly meeting so that the School Board can conduct business as documented on its agenda. For those who had signed up and did not have time to speak during the 30 minute public comment period, additional time will be provided at the conclusion of the board meeting.

If you wish to address the School Board or comment on an agenda item at a Regular School Board meeting during the Public Comment time on the agenda, please observe the following governing rules and complete the form below.

- 1. Please submit a completed *Public Comment* form in person or via email to the Clerk of the School Board at <a href="mailto:mandy.burnette@frco.k12.va.us">mandy.burnette@frco.k12.va.us</a> no later than noon the day of the meeting.
- 2. When called to the lectern to speak, please state your name, and confirm you are a Franklin County citizen, parents/guardians of students currently enrolled in Franklin County Public Schools or an employee of Franklin County Public Schools; and the subject of your remarks.
- 3. Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes to comment unless otherwise altered by the Board Chairperson. Speakers may not "give" their time to someone else.
- 4. Comments must be directed to the Board. Debate between a speaker and an audience member is not allowed.
- 5. Speakers are encouraged to leave written statements and/or comments with the Clerk of the School Board.
- 6. Recognized speakers and the audience shall be always respectful. The individual dignity of board members, division employees, students, and members of the public must be respected by all persons in attendance in person or online.
- 7. The School Board will not hear statements involving cases under litigation, issues that have been scheduled for a public hearing, or complaints regarding individual employees or students.
- 8. Additionally, speakers appearing before the Board will not be allowed to campaign for public office, promote private business ventures, or engage in personal attacks of anyone.
- 9. School Board policies, state law, and federal law establish separate and distinct procedures and forums for the resolution of employee grievances, employee complaints, employee suspensions and terminations, complaints against individual employees, pupil suspensions and appeals, political campaigns, and litigation. These separate and distinct procedures and forums have been established to assure fairness to all parties.

Additional guidelines and procedures or suspension or modification of the above rules and procedures may be adopted by the School Board as it deems appropriate for the effective, orderly, and timely conduct of the public comment section of regular meetings.

## PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FORM

Topic of Concern			
Your Position on Topic: (circle one)	<u>In Favor</u>	Not in Favor	Other (explain)
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Virginia County of Residency			
Address			····
Telephone Number		Cell Number	