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TO: Members of the Acton and Boxborough Community
FROM: Tessa McKinley, Chair Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee
DATE: January 29, 2021
RE: Public Participation at our ABRSC Meetings

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee recognizes the value of public input at its meetings as well as the high value our community places on public participation in government. Effective immediately, the Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee will resume public comment at its meetings. In light of recent racist and anti-semitic attacks at its meetings, however, the committee will implement enhanced security measures for individuals wishing to speak:

1. Any member of the public who wishes to watch the meeting live, but does not wish to speak may do so by watching on either Acton TV or on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/actontv1>
2. A member of the public who wishes to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting or during the meeting (at the Chairperson's discretion), may request to participate in the zoom meeting using the following procedures:
 - a. The attendee must complete a pre-registration form for the zoom meeting through the pre-registration link posted on the meeting agenda.
 - b. Pre-registration must be completed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
 - c. During pre-registration, an attendee must provide all of the required information, including a telephone number where the attendee can be contacted to verify the speaker's identity.
 - d. On the day of the meeting, District staff will contact attendees by telephone or text message to verify the identity of the attendee wishing to be recognized.
 - e. Following verification of an attendee's identity, the attendee will be sent a link to the zoom meeting. The attendee must use this link to attend and speak during the meeting.
 - f. The attendee wishing to participate must sign into the zoom meeting using the name or telephone number they provided when pre-registering.
 - g. During the meeting, the attendee may indicate their desire to speak by using the "raise hand" feature in zoom, or if using a telephone, by pressing *9.
 - h. Attendees are recognized to speak at the discretion of the chairperson.

Only individuals who have followed the above procedures will be allowed to speak during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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