

# PUBLIC TESTIMONY TEMPLATE

## Greet the body

Good evening Chairwoman Claggett, Superintendent Townsel, and members of the Board of Education...

## Identify yourself and your connection to the issue

My name is Malcolm Funn. I am a civil rights activist from Calvert County and a Strong Schools Maryland Network Member.

## Clearly state your position and the issue you are speaking to

I am here in favor of resolution JKK: more equity for marginalized students.

## Utilize reliable data in support of your position

According to the student school quality survey, marginalized students experience 37% more barriers to academic success than students from dominant groups.

## Preemptively address counterarguments

Some people may tell you that schools are not appropriate forums within which to address issues of equity; I disagree. It's better to begin earlier.

## End strongly by restating your position

For all these reasons and ultimately, for our children, I urge you to vote in favor of Resolution JKK . Thank you.

