

Northampton County Public Schools

School Board Meeting Information during the COVID-19 School Closure

At this time, in-person School Board Meetings, Work Sessions and Advisory Committee Meetings have been cancelled through April 1, 2020. We have done this to adhere to the advice of public health experts to promote and support social distancing.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the School Board will be taking the following steps to protect the community, staff, and Board members at this time:

To protect all citizens, upcoming Board Meetings will *not* be open to public comment unless legally required. Alternative means will be available to provide input to the Board. For those meetings, the Board will allow public comment, but will be managing the scheduling of speakers by requesting that all statements to the Board be submitted via email to Mrs. Karen Pitt, School Board Clerk, kpitt@ncpsk12.com or Fax at 757-678-7267. Those statements will be read aloud and entered into the public record.

There will be a Board meeting on April 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at NCHS. For individuals who would like to submit statements, please send them to the Board Clerk by 3:00 p.m. on that day using one of the methods identified above. Some agenda items from cancelled School Board Meetings may be published as [Board Briefs](#).

We encourage you to share your thoughts and comments with the School Board by email at kpitt@ncpsk12.com. We ask that you minimize messages to individual board members, as they will be focused on communications about maintaining safe operations during the pandemic. The Board Office staff is teleworking and will be monitoring the

School Board email account during normal business hours. Board members will receive regular reports of emails received and will have ready access to view all messages received. **During the NCPS school closure, the School Board may hold online Special Called Board Meetings.** In accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), virtual meetings are limited to:

- addressing the public health emergency declared by Governor Northam on March 12, 2020 (Va. Code § 44-146.17); and
- emergency items requiring immediate Board action (Va. Code § 2.2-3701).

Notice of any virtual School Board Meetings will be posted on the [NCPS Calendar](#) and agendas will be posted on the [BoardDocs](#) web page. Although it will not be possible to broadcast virtual meetings live, the minutes for these Special Called Board Meetings will be posted after each meeting on the [BoardDocs](#) web page.

For more information, please contact the Clerk of the Board at kpitt@ncpsk12.com.