

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AT A CROMWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

We welcome and encourage public comments at our Board of Education meetings. To make sure that our meetings are conducted respectfully while encouraging public participation, following are the rules for the public comment portions of our meetings. Thank you for your cooperation and participation.

1. Individuals are welcome to address the Board of Education for up to 3 minutes each during the public comment portions of the meeting, but Board members will not generally engage in dialogue. The Board of Education chair may at his/her discretion extend the time for public comments.
2. Speakers must come to the podium and share your name and address.
3. To facilitate efficient sharing of your comments, we encourage you to share any comments you may have about instruction, discipline or learning materials first with your student's teacher, then principal and followed by the superintendent before bringing the comments to the Board of Education. However, if you do not believe your comments have been addressed appropriately or if you believe they should be shared with the Board of Education for any other reason, please feel free to do so.
4. All comments must not include personal attacks, and comments cannot be discourteous, threatening, vulgar or otherwise inappropriate. The Board Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, curtail any public comments or terminate any such individual's privilege of address, at any time, if they violate any of these rules, violate reasonable standards of decorum, are boisterous or are repetitious. The Board of Education reserves the right to limit public comments to particular topics.