

## **Canton Local Schools Hearing of the Public Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hearing of the Public: Although state law does not require boards of education to set aside time for public comment, the board recognizes the value of public input on educational issues and has adopted Bylaw O169.01, revised 7/12/2021, to provide for public comments. In order to protect the rights of all citizens, and provide for an orderly climate to conduct board business, the bylaw sets forth the following rules:

1. Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business in the bylaws of this board.
2. Participants must register their intention to participate in the Hearing of the Public portion of the meeting prior to the meeting being called to order.
3. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
4. Each participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes for public comment. Hearing of the Public shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
5. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
6. The presiding officer may:
  - a. Prohibit public comments that are repetitive and/or harassing;
  - b. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, off-topic, obscene or irrelevant;
  - c. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct of the meeting;
  - d. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting
  - e. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
  - f. Waive the rules of public participation