

## Some helpful tips for presenting comments at public meetings:

- Remarks should be brief, but it is helpful to have something written out ahead of time. An example:

- **Introduction:** Thank you for your time. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live on \_\_\_\_\_. I am here because my children go to Rowe Elementary School and I want to see Portland Public Schools fully funded.
- **Story:** This is a space for a short personal story. What in particular do you like about the schools that you want to remain? What additional support would help make the schools more rigorous and equitable? Why are thriving schools important to you, your family, and your community?
- **Conclusion:** I understand that the School Board and City Council have difficult financial decisions to make. It's important to fully fund our schools for our children and community, we support whatever actions it takes to do that.