

FACTS VS. MYTHS

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY CHANGES



1.

BOARD EFFICIENCY & LEGAL PROTECTION



- ◆ The proposed policy changes aim to make Board meetings more efficient and focused on school business.
- ◆ Broadcasting public comments creates legal risks (e.g., copyright, defamation), which the district wants to avoid.
- ◆ The vast majority of Georgia school districts do NOT broadcast public comments. Doing so is not legally required.

2.

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCESS REMAINS UNCHANGED



- ◆ The public will still have the full opportunity to speak at meetings during designated times.
- ◆ These changes DO NOT limit what people can say.
- ◆ The public is encouraged to resolve concerns directly with school staff when possible.

3.

ENCOURAGING MORE VOICES, NOT SILENCING THEM



- ◆ Some community members avoid commenting for fear of online harassment or being broadcast.
- ◆ By not broadcasting public comment, more people may participate.
- ◆ Anyone can still record and share their own comments online, but they assume the liability, not the district.