

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF MCDOWELL NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
CLOSURE OF
ANAWALT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TO BE HELD AT THE MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: December 12, 2018. In the event the public hearing is not completed by 11:00 p.m. on December 12, 2018, it will be recessed and will be reconvened on the following day at the same location at 6:00 p.m.

In the event a scheduled hearing must be canceled due to inclement weather or other factors beyond the control of the Board, December 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. is established as an alternative date.

TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing and any reconvened sessions of the public hearing shall begin at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing and any reconvened sessions of the public hearing shall end at the conclusion of business or 11:00 p.m., whichever occurs earlier.

PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Mount View High School Auditorium. If when the public hearing is called to order, it is determined that the meeting facility is of insufficient size, the location of the public hearing shall be subject to change. A notice reflecting any change in public hearing location shall be posted at the original meeting location. In the event of a location change, the hearing will be held Mount View High School gymnasium.

PROPOSED ACTION OF THE BOARD: The closure of Anawalt Elementary School and its consolidation with Kimball Elementary School and Welch Elementary at the end of the 18-19 school year, resulting in the reassignment of its student population. After all members of the public have had an opportunity to submit statements, testimony, and to question school officials, the Board will vote on the proposed action on December 12, 2018 or, if reconvened, on December 13, 2018, or, if rescheduled, December 17, 2018.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS: Written material, may be submitted for consideration by the Board. Written materials must be received in the Office of the Superintendent, McDowell County Schools, 30 Central Avenue, Welch, WV 24801 by 4:00 p.m., by December 10, 2018. Any written materials submitted in a timely manner shall be duplicated and delivered, or otherwise made available, to each member of the Board in advance of the public hearing. Information will be accepted via certified mail, hand delivered, or emailed to McDowell County Schools' email address: wrthomas@k12.wv.us. No information will be accepted via fax.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may be present, submit statements, testimony, and question county officials. Members of the public who desire to submit statements and testimony or to question county school officials shall be afforded an opportunity to register beginning one hour prior to the start of the public hearing and ending at the start of the session. Persons shall be called upon in the order of registration. All questions shall be initially directed to the Superintendent who may answer the question or designate another school official to answer the question. Based upon the number of persons who register, the presiding officer may limit, in a uniform manner, the time allotted to each individual. However, the time allotted may be limited to a period of three minutes to five minutes, but not less than three minutes. Registered individuals may not assign or relinquish their allotted time to another individual. Responses to questions by the school official shall not be included in the period of allotted time. Written materials may be submitted by the deadline indicated above, but may not be submitted during the public hearing.

REASONS AND SUPPORTING DATA: Reasons and supporting data in relation to the proposed closure of Anawalt Elementary School and its consolidation with Kimball Elementary School and Welch Elementary School shall be available for public inspection beginning November 9, 2018, in the Office of the Superintendent of McDowell County Schools, during business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The notice of public hearing and data will be available for public viewing at Anawalt Elementary School. In the event the school is not open for business, the data will be available on the McDowell County Schools' website (<https://boe.mcdo.k12.wv.us/>), at all other McDowell County schools' work sites, the McDowell County Public Library, and in the Office of the county Superintendent, from November 9, 2018, through December 12, 2018. The document will be available at Anawalt Elementary School, Kimball Elementary School, and Welch Elementary School during normal hours of operation.