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Area school districts to meet and determine common ground in seeking federal stimulus funds

Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) officials believe unity and collaboration can increase local chances of gaining greater federal stimulus funding for regional school systems. SCUSD has asked area education leaders attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the district headquarters on how programs and services might be combined or redesigned to increase chances of funding.

The district's administrative headquarters, the Serna Center, is located at 5735 47th Ave.

Invited to the meeting were district officials from Elk Grove, Natomas, Robla and Twin Rivers. Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, Sacramento City Manager Ray Kerridge and Kari Lacosta from U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui's office were also invited.

In an invitation to other district leaders, SCUSD Board of Education President Roy Grimes, MPA, MBA wrote, "We all continue to wrestle with the budget shortfalls and the potential of dwindling resources."

He added, "With the changing information that we are now receiving regarding our state funding and its impact on the stimulus funding, we believe that it is very important that we present a collaborative approach."

Grimes noted that a collaborative strategy appears to be strongly aligned to President Barack Obama's comments regarding the purpose of the stimulus package.

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