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# News Release

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## School district announces four facilities meetings; invites public

Sacramento City Unified School District officials announced four more community meetings to seek public input regarding how best to use its facilities. **The remaining meetings are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:**

- Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Maple Elementary; 3301 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Wednesday, Feb. 4 at Martin Luther King, Jr. K-8; 480 Little River Way
- Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Sacramento Charter High School; 2315 34<sup>th</sup> St.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School; 4701 Joaquin Way

The gatherings are part of 11 gatherings scheduled across the district through Feb. 11. Seven meetings have already been conducted. Interim Superintendent Susan Miller urges district residents and businesses to attend one or more of the remaining meetings to share ideas and thoughts on how school sites and other facilities can be maximized to better serve students and neighborhoods while realizing savings or new revenue for a financially strapped district. The district has cut more than \$90 million over seven years and expects to continue severe budget reductions because of the state's fiscal picture. Historic mid-year cuts could reduce the district's general fund in 2008-09 by as much as \$30 million.

Community suggestions from previous meetings include: expanding or duplicating successful school programs, co-locating two schools on one campus, sharing one administrator for two schools and expanding pre-school and toddler and child care services.

District officials will share information about schools and ask audience members to provide input on ways the city school system can realize savings, generate new revenue and maintain strong educational programs.

Miller said that while the focus of the meetings is to gather ideas and input on how best to use district facilities, one strategy may include a different purpose or use of school sites. "We may also need to combine or close schools to ensure we can support the best educational program possible and make the best use of sites," she said.

The district has been divided into five geographic study areas. Maps and other information are posted on the district web site ([www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)). Public comments and questions are posted shortly after each meeting. Community members are also encouraged to post comments and suggestions via the web site.

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