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# **News Release**

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**11 meetings scheduled from January 13 through February 11**

## **Community ideas sought as district seeks best ways to use school sites and other facilities**

How to best use Sacramento City Unified School District campuses and other district properties while increasing student achievement and remaining fiscally solvent is the focus of 11 district wide community meetings scheduled beginning Jan. 13 and continuing through Feb. 11.

Interim Superintendent Susan Miller urges district residents and businesses to attend one or more meetings to share ideas and thoughts on how school sites and other facilities use can be maximized to better serve students and neighborhoods and find savings or new revenue for a financially strapped district. In a district wide invitation, Miller noted that students had posted significant gains in student achievement despite general fund budget reductions of more than \$90 million. In 2008-09, Sac City faces historic midyear cuts of \$15 to \$30 million, depending upon budget action by the governor and legislature. In 2009-10, the district expects another \$7 to \$20 million in cuts. The state fiscal crisis, in combination with almost a decade of declining enrollment, have led the district to strategize on how to find both savings and new revenue to protect educational programs.

Miller said, "Our facilities are assets that can be leased or used for services to boost achievement and help families." She added 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 will be also be posted shortly after each meeting.

A meeting schedule is attached.

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Sacramento City Unified School District Facility **Community Meeting Schedule**

*Share your ideas for providing exceptional learning environments and maximizing district facility use. Presentations will be the same at each meeting. Comments, questions and responses will be posted on the district web site at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)*

**PURPOSE:**

- **Generate ideas, gather community input on how to provide exceptional learning environments and remain fiscally solvent**
- **Study ALL district real property assets and K-12 School sites for improved learning environments, cost reduction, and revenue generating potential**

*Date*

*Area and Location*

*All meetings scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

- Tuesday, January 13, 2009      East Area  
A.M. Winn Elementary School  
3351 Explorer Drive
- Wednesday, January 14, 2009      South Area  
Freeport Elementary School  
2118 Meadowview Road
- Tuesday, January 20, 2009      West Area  
John F. Kennedy High School  
6715 Gloria Drive
- Wednesday, January 21, 2009      North Area  
Washington Elementary School  
520 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- Monday, January 26, 2009      South Area  
Alice Birney Elementary  
6251 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Tuesday, January 27, 2009      Central Area  
Will C. Wood Middle School  
6201 Lemon Hill Avenue
- Wednesday, January 28, 2009      East Area  
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School  
2635 Chestnut Hill Drive
- Tuesday, February 3, 2009      South Area  
Maple Elementary School  
3301 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Wednesday, February 4, 2009      West Area  
Martin Luther King, Jr. K-8 School  
480 Little River Way
- Tuesday, February 10, 2009      North Area  
Sacramento Charter High School  
2315 34<sup>th</sup> Street
- Wednesday, February 11, 2009      Central Area  
Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School  
4701 Joaquin Way  
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