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# **News Release**

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**Monday, Jan. 26, Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Wednesday, Jan. 28 @ 6 p.m. each day**

## **School district facility meetings scheduled next week at sites in school district's south, central and east areas**

Alice Birney Elementary, Will C. Wood Middle and Thomas Jefferson Elementary schools will host community meetings next week to help Sacramento City Unified School District gather public input on how best to use its campuses and other facilities. Meetings are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26 (Alice Birney), Tuesday, Jan. 27 (Will C. Wood) and Wednesday, Jan. 28 (Thomas Jefferson).

The meetings are part of 11 gatherings scheduled across the district through Feb. 11; four 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.

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. A meeting schedule is attached.

***-more (meeting schedule)-***

