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OPEN MEETING FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR REVIEW OF BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2011-12 AND 2012-13 FISCAL YEARS

An open meeting for parents and members of the community is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater at Riverside Brookfield High School. The purpose of the meeting will be to review budget projections for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 fiscal years and program reductions that would be necessary if an April 5, 2011, referendum is unsuccessful. The December 13 informational meeting is a continuation of the first such meeting that was held on November 1, 2010.

The purpose of the open meeting will be to provide parents and members of the community with information about the District's financial condition and options that the Administration and Board are considering as the operating budgets for 2011-12 and 2012-13 are being prepared. An overview of historic financial information will be provided as well as future financial projections.

It has been the goal of the District to provide the best possible comprehensive program for students that available finances will permit. As budget cuts are contemplated or revenue enhancements are considered, it is our desire not only to inform the public but also to engage parents and community members in the process of formulating our plans for the upcoming year and beyond. For example, one way in which revenue could be increased (reserving more money for academic programs) would be to institute a "pay to participate" plan for athletics and other clubs and activities.

Parents and members of the community are invited to come to the open meeting to learn more about the District's financial situation and to engage in a conversation about options the District is considering as the budget for the 2011-12 year is being prepared.

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