

Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee on
Investing in Educational Excellence

Meeting #16

February 2, 2006, 7:30-9:30 a.m.
John Stanford Center – Auditorium

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Welcome

The co-chairs welcomed the Committee to their final meeting. The group was asked to raise burning issues or comments on the draft final report at the beginning of the meeting – no one had anything to report right away. Superintendent Raj Manhas addressed the Committee to thank them for their historic work.

Briefings

The Committee reviewed the schedule of briefings leading up to the release of the final report on February 10. The Committee was asked to review the PowerPoint briefing before the weekend.

Final Draft Review

The Committee noted that the report needs to say up front that the group purposefully began with a review of investments and then addressed cuts.

The final financial rollout was reviewed. It was noted that 2008 will be a very expensive year primarily due to it being the last year of the current teacher contract in which it states that teacher salaries shall rise to 5th place statewide regardless of cost. In 2009, a new contract will be negotiated and it is critical that it specifies salaries rise with the rate of revenue sources.

It was noted that the district must step up to do the things under its control and then the State will have more reason to look at providing additional funding.

A final detailed review was conducted and several changes were recommended.

The Committee agreed they all like the timeline outlined in the report.

Adjournment

This was the final meeting of the Committee.