

## Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee on Investing in Educational Excellence

### Meeting #10

December 1, 2005, 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
John Stanford Center – Auditorium

#### Welcome

Trish Dziko mentioned a spot on National Public Radio this morning that highlighted public education nationwide. The timing for the work of this group is perfect. The report must be relevant to all players so they will want to remain involved regardless of leadership changes. The spirit of the report will stress that changing leadership stay constant to purpose.

#### Update from Meeting with Mayor's Advisory Group

John Warner reported that he and Trish presented the scope of what the committee has been doing as well as the schedule. This meeting included the Mayor, Board member Brita Butler-Wall, Superintendent Raj Manhas, Schools Foundation, Seattle Community College, City representatives, and more. Afterwards there was a meeting of just the mayor to keep communications open. Two specifics that came out of the meeting are that the district needs to enhance its relationships with philanthropists and reduce the dropout rate to increase market share.

#### Re-Re-Org

The formation of the committee's workgroups was revised. There are now three groups: Leadership/Management, Academic Excellence, and Fiscal Viability. There is lots of work before the February final report. The group reviewed the schedule for the next two months. Two important dates are December 12 when members need to have a first cut to Sara and January 23 when the report will be finalized.

#### Budget Advisory Team (BAT) Update

Peter Davis reported on his visit with the BAT which is comprised of 40 stakeholders and has been meeting for three years each fall/winter to formulate the budget process, focusing on the Weighted Student Formula (WSF). Next Tuesday they will be formulating their recommendations for 06-07.

#### December 6 Press Schedule, Stakeholder Meeting Prep, Neighborhood Meet-up Day

Frank Greer reviewed the public relations rollout of the interim report next week. Every major news outlet will be contacted as well as minority media. It will be emphasized this is an interim report and the final recommendations, which will be more complete, will be presented in February. Neighborhood Meet-up Day will be January 14 and Sara discussed recruitment of facilitators and locations. The group recommended recruiting local church and non-profit leaders because the community knows them and they can probably allow their facility use at no charge.

#### Work Session

A final review of the preliminary report was conducted. Work was finalized to close the 06-07 expenditure gap. Some suggestions were made for further cuts, none of which will come from schools. There was agreement to recommend some kind of transportation cut, at least at the high school level, possibly of about \$1.5M. It was agreed to double admin cuts from 5% to 10%. There was discussion about looking at Security, building maintenance and operations, and central academic expenditures for the final report although any changes here may be too late for the 06-07 year. There was a recommendation to include obtaining the best possible principals as key leadership. Additional comments were noted and any further suggestions should be given to Sara by noon tomorrow.

#### Adjournment

The next full committee meeting is on Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.