



Media Advisory

From Seattle Public Schools

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Public meetings scheduled to explain new method of allocating funds to schools

Seattle Public Schools is proposing a change in the method of how funds are allocated to schools – from the "Weighted Student Formula" to "Weighted Staffing Standards." The change will streamline the budget process both centrally and at the schools. Work is under way to develop the details of the model, which will be presented in more detail at the meetings listed below.

The School Board is scheduled to vote on the new budget process at its Oct. 17 board meeting. Three informational community meetings will be held before the vote to explain the new method.

Times and locations are listed below. Interpreters will be available at the Oct. 4 meeting for the following languages: Cambodian, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

When: 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, 2007.
Where: Hamilton International Middle School, 1610 N. 41st St.

When: 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007.
Where: First AME Church, 1522 14th Ave.

When: 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007.
Where: Madison Middle School, 3429 45th Ave. S.W.

For more information, visit http://www.seattleschools.org/area/news/0708/WSS_FAQ.pdf

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