



News Release

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Upcoming Community Meetings for 2010 Levies

Seattle Public Schools is committed to providing an excellent education for every student and we are dedicated to preparing every student to graduate from high school ready for college, careers and life. The District's strategic plan, *Excellence for All*, focuses on raising student achievement by ensuring excellence in every classroom, strengthening leadership throughout the district and building an infrastructure that works well.

As part of Seattle Public Schools' engagement process, the community is invited to three meetings designed to share information about two important upcoming levies which will be placed before the voters as a special election on February 9, 2010:

The Operations Levy, which renews every three years, represents nearly 25% of Seattle Public Schools' annual general fund budget and supports basic educational programs not fully funded by the state.

The Buildings, Technology and Academics III (BTA III) Capital Levy is placed before the voters every six years and funds hundreds of small renovations and major maintenance projects, technology and academic initiatives.

The purpose of the community meetings is to inform the public, present information and answer questions. Interpreters will be at the meetings for the following languages: Amharic, Cambodian, Chinese, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrigna and Vietnamese.

When and Where:

Tuesday, Sept. 22

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mercer Middle School
1600 S. Columbian Way

Thursday, Sept. 24

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Madison Middle School
3429 - 45th SW

Monday, Sept. 28

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Eckstein Middle School
3003 NE 75th Street

For more details, visit www.seattleschools.org and select "Levies 2010." Comments may be emailed to 2010levies@seattleschools.org or mailed to Levies 2010, Seattle Public Schools, M.S. 22-336, P.O. Box 34165, Seattle, WA, 98124-1165.

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