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## **District 64 Seeks Leaders for Community Finance Committee**

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender is inviting members of the community to consider volunteering as a “community coordinator” to help guide upcoming Community Finance Committee (CFC) activities. The all-volunteer CFC has been on hiatus since spring, and is seeking new leadership and additional committee members to take on a new line-up of financial studies.

Formed in 2004, the CFC is now a standing committee of the Board of Education and provides research, analysis and advice to the Board on financial issues. In the past, CFC members have developed a model to project the District’s long-term finances; studied the make up of student fees and compared them with other districts; offered a variety of techniques to control spending; and created materials to educate community members about school finance issues, among other activities.

“We are very interested in finding one or two individuals who could work with us to help reinvigorate our CFC,” Dr. Bender stated. “This is an unusual opportunity for any community member – not just parents of current students – to make a difference in the future of education and particularly in school finances,” he noted.

Dr. Bender would like to identify leaders by mid-November, so that recruitment of committee members can be completed before the holiday season. “We would like to have the CFC ready to begin work immediately in 2012,” he added.

The community coordinators would work with CFC members to create study committees on specific topics and help prepare the presentations for Board review. In addition, the coordinators would be the primary liaison to District 64 administrators to obtain information needed for studies. “We would expect these leaders to be in place for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year and hopefully through 2012-13, too,” he noted.

Interested District 64 residents are invited to contact Dr. Bender via email at [pbender@d64.org](mailto:pbender@d64.org); by phone at 847-318-4300, or at District 64, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

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