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Community Finance Committee Recruits New Members as Activities Expand

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Community Finance Committee (CFC) is undergoing a transition again this fall as it recruits local volunteers for a new legislative subcommittee, and to replace retiring members on its existing trio of study groups. A standing committee of the Board, the CFC researches issues and offers advice to the Board on a broad range of education finance issues and provides a forum for community input.

"During our many conversations with community members prior to the April school referendum, the question of what is being done to address the school funding issue through both state and federal legislation was raised often," Dr. Pryor said. "We hope this new study group can provide timely input to help the Board become more pro-active on financial legislation that may impact the District's budget and local taxpayers," she added.

The CFC also is seeking new members for its three existing subcommittees focused on community relations and financial topics: Spend Management, Communications and Financial Structure. The CFC's well-documented recommendations in fall 2006 formed the basis for the Board's decision to seek an April referendum to provide additional revenues to maintain quality education in Park Ridge-Niles.

Interested community members are asked to write a short letter or e-mail to Dr. Pryor by Monday, October 22 to briefly explain the contribution they hope to make to a particular subcommittee. Get-acquainted interviews will be held later in the month. The entire CFC will be reconvened in early December, and monthly meetings are planned through the winter to research and prepare reports for the Board by May. Letters should be addressed to Superintendent Sally Pryor at the District 64 offices, 164 S. Prospect Ave. or via e-mail to spryor@d64.org with "Community Finance Committee" in the subject line.

In recognition of their outstanding leadership, the three subcommittee chairmen – Phil Eichman, Craig Elderkin and Diana Stapleton – recently were named winners of the Award of Excellence in the 2007 "Those Who Excel" award program sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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