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District 64 to Announce Community Finance Committee Coordinators

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender will announce at the Board of Education meeting on November 14 the selection of Ares Dalianis and Genie Taddeo as Community Coordinators to lead the District's Community Finance Committee (CFC).

The Board of Education created the CFC in 2004 to operate as a standing committee, available to provide research, analysis and advice to the Board on financial issues. The CFC has been on hiatus since early spring 2011 as it transitions to new leadership, members and topics for study.

In selecting Dalianis and Taddeo, Dr. Bender noted that: "Both are extremely strong candidates who have a long record of interest in District 64 schools evidenced by years of service." He also pointed out that both have a broad network of contacts among fellow Park Ridge-Niles residents, which will be crucial in recruiting other volunteers. "Mr. Dalianis and Ms. Taddeo are both skilled leaders and together, they will make an outstanding team to guide CFC as we begin a new chapter in its history," he stated.

The new CFC community coordinators are:

- Ares Dalianis – A Park Ridge resident for 11 years, Mr. Dalianis is an attorney specializing in education law, school finance and property assessment issue. He has been a resource for CFC since its inception in 2004 regarding his areas of expertise. He also served on the Board of Education in 2003-04. Mr. Dalianis has two children who are currently enrolled in District 64 schools.
- Genie Taddeo – A Park Ridge resident for 19 years, Ms. Taddeo is a local realtor. She was a member of the Board of Education from 2005-11, serving as Vice President and Secretary. She also was the Board's liaison to the Middle School Program Review, the Curriculum Council, the Facilities Committee, and the Elementary Learning Foundation among other assignments. In addition, she helped develop the District 64 Strategic Plan as a member of the Strategic Planning Team in 2009-10. Ms. Taddeo has a child currently enrolled in District 64, and one who has graduated from the District's schools.

Also on November 14, Dr. Bender will seek the Board's go-ahead on a list of study topics that he and the coordinators jointly recommend to be of most immediate interest. These include: identifying borrowing options and budget impact as the District prepares a facility maintenance plan and overall facility master plan; refreshing a student fees study the CFC completed in 2009 that adjusted the District's fee structure; reviewing assumptions in a long-range financial model and developing alternate scenarios; and expanding taxpayer education tools and enhancing the District's financial reporting.

District 64 will be working with the new community coordinators to recruit interested community volunteers to reconvene CFC in mid-January 2012.

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