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Volunteers Invited to District 64 Community Finance Committee Preview Meetings

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 is reconvening its Community Finance Committee (CFC) and is inviting interested community members to attend a one-hour preview meeting in January to meet the new leaders, learn more about the five topics to be studied this spring, and hopefully sign on to participate in one of the study groups, according to Superintendent Philip Bender.

Interested volunteers may attend a 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. session, either on Tuesday, January 17 or Wednesday, January 25 at the District 64 Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

Newly appointed CFC Community Coordinators Ares Dalianis and Genie Taddeo will present an overview of the five subject areas slated for this spring. These include: enhancing taxpayer education tools; reviewing assumptions in the District's 10-year financial model and developing alternate scenarios; increasing financial transparency by enhancing the District's financial reporting; refreshing a CFC student fees study from 2009 that adjusted the District's fee structure; and identifying borrowing options and budget impact as the District develops its maintenance priorities and new facility master plan.

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.

"Volunteers do not need a financial background," Dr. Bender stressed. "The only requirement is to contribute time this spring to help develop these reports and recommendations," he added. "This is a great opportunity for local residents to learn more about how education finance works and make an important contribution to our schools," he noted.

Interested volunteers are invited to RSVP to Dr. Bender's office at 847-318-4302, although a response is not required to attend.

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