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Student fees among this year's District 64 Community Finance Committee topics

The District 64 Community Finance Committee (CFC) will help review student fees this year as part of an ambitious schedule of studies, according to Superintendent Sally Pryor. Over the summer, the CFC reported to the Board of Education on its 2007-08 activities and received Board direction on a 2008-09 slate of projects for its four subcommittees.

More than 30 local residents and staff members serve on the volunteer advisory group, which will return to work officially on Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at the District 64 Educational Service Center.

Among this year's CFC projects are:

▪ **Student Fees Review**

The CFC will review how other local districts set fees and how waivers are handled. Comparative data will help the Board of Education explore the purpose and guidelines for how and when fees are charged. The CFC also will help analyze the current fee schedule and recommend adjustments for 2009-10.

▪ **Long-Range Financial Model and Revenue Ideas**

The assumptions used in the District 64 planning model to forecast Operating Funds balances will be reviewed, and the CFC will suggest adjustments in advance of the Board's scheduled annual review in February-March 2009. CFC also will explore "brainstorming" ideas contributed by community members to generate revenue or control costs.

▪ **Legislative Watch**

A new legislative subcommittee will monitor state and federal education funding legislation to determine the potential impact on District 64 finances. A briefing for local legislators on education finance issues will be planned with neighboring school districts.

▪ **Communications Outreach**

Additional chapters are planned for the Web-based Education Finance Fact Book along with assistance on community outreach for a new strategic planning process getting underway this year.

Complete CFC reports and meeting minutes are available on the District 64 Web site:
www.d64.org.

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