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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

Community Budget Forum Rescheduled

Due to snow, the Community Budget Forum has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 18th** from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. to take place at Shaw Avenue gymnasium. Childcare will be provided for school-aged children, which will include a quiet corner for students where they can work on their homework. A film and opportunities in the computer lab will also be available for children of parents/guardians attending.

As Valley Stream 30 plans for next year's upcoming budget, 2011-12, and strategically for future budgets to come, it is important for the Board of Education and District Administration to understand your priorities. The Community Budget Forum will provide you with an overview of current District and State financial information and present Valley Stream 30 program offerings. Community participants will then have the opportunity to share, in small roundtable discussions, their values and priorities for consideration by the Board of Education and Administration, as well as explorations for modifications on how programs and initiatives are delivered to support reaching strategic goals in challenging financial times.

If possible, please try to RSVP that you will be attending by emailing budgetforum@vs30.org or calling Janet Carson at 285-9881 x222. As much as possible, we want to make sure that we are prepared with the right accommodations for the number of people attending.

Safety First and Foremost

The safety of our Valley Stream students and staff is always a highest priority. Did you know that the District regularly inspects our facilities and procedures to make sure that they are the most up-to-date in terms of safety? For example, this month, a safety expert from New York State Insurance Reciprocal will do a complete walk through of our buildings with Assistant Superintendent for Business, Lisa Rutkoske, and Director of Facilities, Greg Abbate. The District regularly participates in such initiatives in order to ensure and maintain the highest levels of security.

Building and Facility Tour – Please Join Us on Saturday, January 22nd at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office

Our architect has just completed the New York State Five-Year Building Condition Report. This report finds all of our facilities in good and safe condition. It also highlights potential future projects the District may consider undertaking in the next five years, as part of our ongoing strategic plan to maintain safe and updated facilities. On the buildings and grounds tour we will showcase recent improvements made as a result of our last five-year plan and highlight some recommendations for future facility enhancement and maintenance that the Board will be considering. Come join us on January 22nd. The insight of our informed community members will be valuable in upcoming budget and long-range planning facilities' discussions.

Have a good weekend! As always, please contact me at 516-285-9881, x222 or email ekanas@vs30.org with comments and suggestions on the topic of this newsletter or with suggestions or questions on other topics.

Sincerely,

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