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Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

Budget Development Process

Thank you to all who attended the Community Budget Forum this past Tuesday. It is very important for the Board and the District Administration to hear your ideas and suggestions as we enter the budget development process for 2011-12, and Tuesday's Budget Forum provided a wonderful start for that process. What are some next steps?

- On Friday, January 21st, all of the notes and ideas gathered from the Forum will be posted on our website. If you were not able to attend and you wish to add suggestions or comments, there is a link to an email drop box for budget ideas and questions, or you can email them to me directly at ekanas@vs30.org. Also posted on the website will be Tuesday's PowerPoint presentation that provided a financial and program overview for District 30 as a framework for discussion and ideas. There you can also see the four questions the community was asked regarding what programs are valued and what modifications might be suggested in challenging budget times.
- On Monday, January 24th at the 8:00 p.m. Board of Education Work Session at Shaw Avenue Library, the Board will discuss the feedback gathered from the Forum and the community email responses as they begin the work of budget development. Members of the public are invited to attend, as always.
- The complete list of Board Work Sessions and Board Business Meetings that will devote time to the budget development process are: **January 24th - Work Session, January 31st - Business Meeting; February 14th - Work Session, February 28th - Business Meeting; March 21st - Work Session, March 28th - Business Meeting.** All take place at **8:00 p.m.** at Shaw Library. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. At the Work Sessions you will be able to gain information about and understand the issues and priorities the Board is addressing in the Budget development process, and then at the Business meetings you are able to provide comments on and suggestions to the Board regarding these budget priorities and issues as the budget is developed.
- We will regularly post information regarding the budget discussions on our website and in this newsletter, to keep you up to date.
- Information and ideas can also be shared at PTA meetings which will then be shared with the Board of Education and the District.

Building and Grounds Tour, Saturday, January 22nd, 8:30 a.m.

Our children's safety and security are always a primary consideration for the Board of Education in developing the budget. This Saturday, the public has the opportunity to join the Board of Education on their tour of the District facilities to view future recommended projects to continue to maintain our facilities in good order and recommended energy savings' projects with potential cost savings, etc. The schedule for the tour is below. You are encouraged and invited to attend all parts of the Building tour. If you are only able to attend some of the tour, the times when we will be at each building are listed below.

8:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet at Central Avenue Administration Building *	10:30-10:40	Travel to Clear Stream Avenue
8:30-8:45	Overview of Tour	10:40-11:20	Tour of Clear Stream Avenue
8:45-9:00	Tour of Central Avenue Administration Building	11:20-11:30	Travel to Forest Road
9:00-9:10	Travel to Washington Avenue	11:30-12:10	Tour of Forest Road
9:10-9:40	Tour of Washington Avenue	12:10-12:30	Q&A / Closing
9:40-9:50	Travel to Shaw Avenue		
9:50-10:30	Tour of Shaw Avenue		

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,

Elaine Kanas
Elaine Kanas, Ed.D.

The mission of Valley Stream District Thirty, through collaboration with parents and community partners, is to educate all students to their highest levels of performance in nurturing learning environments that are safe, inclusive and student centered.