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Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

Valley Stream 30 welcomes an informed community and its input. Below are some important dates that should prove to be informative and that also provide opportunities for community input.

Upcoming Dates

February 8th, 8:00 p.m., public meeting, Shaw Avenue Library – Board of Education Work Session – Agenda includes a review and discussion of the AIMSweb Assessment Data for grades K-2 from Fall 2009 through January 2010. As part of the presentation, there will be related information and analysis regarding our new early intervention reading support program and Foundations --our phonics, word/study and handwriting program -- as well as discussion and analysis of our new continuous progress monitoring program for students. Members of the public, as always, are most welcome to attend what should be an informative presentation regarding some of our new District initiatives as we monitor their implementation and review implications for future practice.

At the **February 8th** Work Session meeting there will also be continued discussion regarding the formulation of the 2010-11 Budget. This Monday's Work Session will feature the **instructional budget**, including staffing, class sizes and academic program. The Board of Education and the District invites your input into the budget process. The Work Session will provide you with important background information regarding budget development. Public comment, whether on the budget, on any agenda item, or on any other topic, is always a standing item on the agenda of every Board of Education Business Meeting. (Each month there is a Board of Education Work Session and a Business Meeting). The February Board of Education Business Meeting will take place on **February 22nd at 8:00 p.m.** for the public.

Budget will continue to be a topic at the **March 15th Work Session** and the **March 22nd Business Meeting**. According to the present Budget Development Calendar, it is anticipated that the Board will adopt a budget for voter approval at the March 22nd Business Meeting.

As always, we will use this newsletter and the District website – www.valleystream30.com -- to provide you with budget updates.

Remember to hold the date – **March 4th at 7:00 p.m.** – Shaw Avenue Library. Presentation of work on new science curriculum plan and the opportunity for the public to comment on some additional science resources the District is exploring purchasing.

6th Grade Science Fair

Congratulations to all Shaw Avenue sixth graders and their teachers and families. The sixth grade Science Fair this week was a resounding success for all our young scientists. I look forward to the Forest Road Science Fair **tonight (February 4th)** and the Clear Stream sixth grade Science Fair on **February 9th**, both at **7:00 p.m.**

I wish everyone a good weekend! Please email (ekanas@vs30.org) or call me (285-9881, ext. 222) with any suggestions, comments, questions, etc.

Sincerely,

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