

Menlo Park City School District Superintendent Update

November 5, 2007

Dear School Community,

At the November 1 Special Meeting, the Board of Education rescheduled its November Regular Meeting from Thursday, November 15, to Monday, November 19, to accommodate a scheduling conflict of one of the Board Members. The meeting will begin in Open Session at 7:00 p.m. Among other topics, the Board will address three important issues:



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Menlo Park Elementary School District

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1. Facility Master Plan

Program Manager/Planner Ahmad Sheikholeslami will present a complete Master Plan for facility projects at the schools that includes architectural specifications, a multi-year timeline and a full Master Budget that includes both \$91.1 million in bond funds and another \$15 million in ancillary State funding. The Master Plan will clearly set the course for facility development for the next five years.

2. Elementary Spanish Specialty Program

I will present for Board consideration revisions in specialty educational programs for the elementary grades that include Spanish as a specialty program along with physical education, music, and art. This initiative includes a modification of scheduling instruction at the elementary level and an increase of the school day in grades 3-5.

3. Spanish Immersion

The Board will address another elementary foreign language program, Spanish Immersion, to begin in the primary grades. It is probable that the Board will authorize the necessary steps in planning.

Additional meetings this fall may also be of interest. The Board of Education will conduct a Special Meeting on Monday, November 26, 2007, to address the change of school boundaries to implement the District Reconfiguration Plan. A District Task Force that has studied the issue will present findings and recommendations. A decision is scheduled for the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2007. (Additional communications will be distributed to remind the School