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Families invited to share thoughts on year two of Student Assignment Transition Plan **Regional meetings November 8-22**

*Please note: Due to a scheduling conflict, the date and location of the **Northwest Region** meeting has changed **from November 4 at Ballard High School to November 22 at Ingraham High School**. We would appreciate your help in notifying families about this change.*

In 2009, the Seattle School Board approved a New Student Assignment Plan, school attendance area boundaries and a transition plan for 2010-11, the first year of implementation. The plan responds to what families requested during more than two years of extensive community engagement – a plan that is predictable, equitable and easy to understand.

Work has begun to create the Transition Plan for 2011-12, which will set out rules for the continued phasing-in of the New Student Assignment Plan. Seattle Public Schools is seeking input from families, staff and community members to help shape the Transition Plan. At a series of formal meetings and informal drop-in sessions, staff will share data and information about enrollment trends, options to balance enrollment with capacity and other information related to capacity management.

Among the topics included in the discussion will be development of geographic zones for option schools. The “geographic zone” will provide a tiebreaker for students who live within a defined area in proximity to the school. Option schools include STEM@Cleveland, NOVA, The Center School and AS#1 high schools; Jane Addams, Salmon Bay, TOPS, Pathfinder, Orca and South Shore K-8 schools; and Thornton Creek and Queen Anne elementary schools

Planning for the second year of the new student assignment plan will be integrated with development of a long-term Capacity Management Plan. Board policy requires an annual review of enrollment trends, capacity needs and facilities needs.

Regional Meetings: November 8-22

A schedule of regional meetings is included on Page 2. Meetings will include a presentation, question-and-answer session, discussion and opportunity to report on feedback. Interpretation services will be provided at each of the meetings (languages noted below), and light refreshments will be served. Child care will not be available, but books and drawing and coloring supplies will be provided. The regional structure, effective this fall, groups schools into five regions, with each region supervised by an Executive Director of Schools. Regions and their directors are: Southeast, Michael Tolley; Central, Nancy Coogan; Northeast, Phil Brockman; Northwest, Bree Dusseault and West Seattle, Aurora Lora.

Drop-in Meetings: October 29-December 14

Drop-in meetings will provide a more informal opportunity for families to review information, ask questions and provide feedback. The schedule of drop-in meetings is incorporated in a table on Page 3 that includes the full schedule of planned meetings and School Board work sessions.

**STUDENT ASSIGNMENT – TRANSITION PLAN YEAR TWO
REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

Region	Date	Time	Location
Southeast: STEM@Cleveland, Rainier Beach, Interagency, South Lake, Aki Kurose, Mercer, Orca (K-8), South Shore (K-8), Beacon Hill Int'l, Dearborn Park, Dunlap, Emerson, Graham Hill, Hawthorne, Kimball, Maple, Martin Luther King Jr., Van Asselt, Wing Luke	Monday, November 8 Interpreters: Amharic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrigna and Vietnamese	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Rainier Beach HS 8815 Seward Park Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98118
Northeast: Nathan Hale, Roosevelt, Home School Resource Residential Consortium, Eckstein, AS #1, Jane Addams (K-8), TOPS (K-8), Bryant, Green Lake, Laurelhurst, Olympic Hills, Olympic View, John Rogers, Sacajawea, Sand Point, Thornton Creek, View Ridge, Wedgwood	Wednesday, November 10 Interpreters: Somali and Spanish	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Roosevelt HS 1410 N.E. 66th St. Seattle, WA 98115
Central: Franklin, Garfield, Nova, SBOC, McClure, Washington, Blaine (K-8), Madrona (K-8), Coe, Gatzert, Hay, John Muir, Lawton, Leschi, Lowell, McGilvra, Montlake, Queen Anne, Stevens, Thurgood Marshall	Monday, November 15 Interpreters: Amharic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrigna and Vietnamese	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Garfield HS 400 23rd Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98122
West Seattle: Chief Sealth Int'l, West Seattle HS, Middle College, Denny Int'l, Madison, Pathfinder (K-8), Alki, Arbor Heights, Concord Int'l, Gatewood, Highland Park, Lafayette, Roxhill, Sanislo, Schmitz Park, West Seattle Elem.	Tuesday, November 16 Interpreters: Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese	6:30 – 8 p.m.	West Seattle HS 3000 California Ave. S.W. Seattle, WA 98116
Northwest: Ballard, Ingraham, The Center School, Evening School, Hamilton Int'l, Whitman, Broadview-Thomson (K-8), Salmon Bay (K-8), Adams, BF Day, Bagley, Greenwood, John Stanford Int'l, Loyal Heights, McDonald, North Beach, Northgate, West Woodland, Whittier	Monday, November 22 Interpreters: Somali and Spanish	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Ingraham HS 1819 N 135 ST Seattle, WA 98133

Student Assignment Transition and Capacity Management Planning: Key Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
Oct. 29	3-5 p.m.	Drop-in session	JSCEE, Room 2700
Nov. 3	4-5:30 p.m.	School Board work session	JSCEE Auditorium
Nov. 6	10 a.m.-noon	Drop-in session	JSCEE Auditorium
Nov. 8	6:30-8 p.m.	SE region meeting	Rainier Beach HS
Nov. 10	6:30-8 p.m.	NE region meeting	Roosevelt HS
Nov. 15	6:30-8 p.m.	Central region meeting	Garfield HS
Nov. 16	6:30-8 p.m.	West Seattle region meeting	West Seattle HS
Nov. 22	6:30-8 p.m.	NW region meeting	Ingraham HS
Nov. 18	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Drop-in session	JSCEE Room 2700
Dec. 1	4-8 p.m.	School Board work session	JSCEE Auditorium
Dec. 14	6-8 p.m.	Drop-in session	JSCEE Room 2750
Jan. 5	6 p.m.	School Board meeting – Transition Plan introduction	JSCEE Auditorium
Jan. 19	6 p.m.	School Board meeting – Transition Plan vote	JSCEE Auditorium

Note: School Board work session dates may change or meetings may be added. Please check the School Board calendar at www.seattleschools.org or call the Board office at (206) 252-0040.

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