



# News Release

## From Seattle Public Schools

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### **Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Council PTSA host regional community meetings Nov. 29 – Dec. 9 to discuss School Reports**

**Seattle** –Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D. and the Seattle Council PTSA invite parents, guardians and family members to attend a regional meeting to discuss School Reports, which along with the second annual District Scorecard will be released on November 9.

School Reports will provide detailed information on how each school is performing and the progress being made. Factors include academic growth and student outcomes; student/family engagement; and school leadership, instruction and environment. The reports also provide an overview of what each school, with district support, is doing to increase academic performance and close the achievement gap.

Publication of School Reports means that the district is taking another step towards delivering on a promise made to the community as part of the strategic plan – to be transparent about and accountable for school and Districtwide achievement.

“These town hall-style meetings will kick off a discussion about this data, and how we can work together on building a cohesive strategy to improve our schools,” said Dr. Goodloe-Johnson. “We are at the beginning of the third year of implementing our five-year strategic plan, *Excellence for All*. The work we’ve done over the past two years has put in place the foundation on which student achievement can accelerate. We have made progress, but many persistent challenges remain and improvement takes time. To succeed, we must work together as a community. We’re listening, and we want to hear what you have to say about the school reports and ways to improve learning for all students in our schools.”

At these meetings families will have the opportunity to talk with district leaders, including principals and the Executive Director of Schools for the region, as well as leaders of the Parent Teacher Association of Seattle.

"We hope these meetings kick start a series of conversations – not just between the district and parents, but among neighbors and teachers, volunteers and civic leaders," said Ramona Hattendorf, president of the Seattle Council PTSA, an association of non-profits that advocate for and support students. "We want every child to reach his or her potential, and we're hoping to identify specific steps each of us can take to make that happen."

Interpretation services will be provided at each of the meetings (see below), and light refreshments will be served. Child care will not be available, but books, drawing and coloring supplies will be provided.

Additional information about School Reports is available at [www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org)

Regions and their directors are: Southeast - Michael Tolley; Central - Nancy Coogan; Northeast - Phil Brockman; Northwest - Bree Dusseault and West Seattle - Aurora Lora.

Regional meeting schedule:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Northeast:</b> 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	November 29 <sup>th</sup>  Interpreters: Somali and Spanish	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Roosevelt High School 1410 NE 66 St Seattle, WA 98115
<b>Southeast:</b> 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	November 30 <sup>th</sup>  Interpreters: Amharic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrigna and Vietnamese	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	South Lake High School 8601 Rainier Ave S Seattle, WA 98118
<b>Northwest:</b> 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,	December 6 <sup>th</sup>  Interpreters: Somali and Spanish	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Whitman Middle School 9201 15 AV NW Seattle, WA 98117
<b>Central:</b> 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	December 7 <sup>th</sup>  Interpreters: Amharic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrigna and Vietnamese	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Washington Middle School 2101 S Jackson St Seattle, WA 98144
<b>West Seattle:</b> 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.	December 9 <sup>th</sup>  Interpreters: Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	West Seattle High School 3000 California Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116