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Westbrook Schools Seek Public Input for Future Plans

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Important Dates: Public meeting November 11; Community survey now through December 11.

Westbrook, Maine: The Westbrook School Department is seeking community input to help set priorities, determine spending, and better serve students and the community. As part of a strategic planning process, the School Department is reaching out to the whole community and some key stakeholder groups.

“We want the entire community to have ownership of the plan,” said Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent, who will maintain a real-time strategic planning website to inform the public as the process unfolds.

Community members will be invited to attend outreach meetings, respond to a survey, and to take part in focus group discussions about the future of Westbrook Schools. Anyone interested in participating in a focus group should contact Good Group Decisions at 729-5607 or FocusGroups@GoodGroupDecisions.com. Good Group Decisions of Brunswick, Maine has been hired by the School Department to manage the strategic planning process.

Focus groups will address the hopes and concerns of specific stakeholder groups such as younger and older students, parents and families, local citizens, and business and community leaders.

“We want to figure out our top priorities and focus on doing them well,” says Greg Smith, chair of the School Committee. “At times when we have discretion over spending and where to direct other resources, we want to make sure we are attending to the community’s top priorities. We need to know what those are.”

A community outreach meeting will be held on November 11, from 6:30-8 pm, in Room 114 at Westbrook High School. At this meeting, attendees will hear about the process and offer input. In addition, a public survey will be conducted to help the schools understand the community’s hopes and concerns for Westbrook schools in the coming years. The survey, due December 11, will be available online and will also be distributed at Parent-Teacher Conferences, at local stores and shops, City Hall, the Library, and at a variety of community events. The online survey can be accessed at www.WestbrookSchools.org.

For more information about this process, please contact Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent, 854-0800, Dr_Namin@westbrookschoools.org