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Facilities Usage Committee Community Forums

Jeffco Public Schools calls all community members and parents to attend one of four community forums in November. The purpose of the community forums is to provide feedback to the district's Facilities Usage Committee regarding their recommended options for facility usage. The options include repurposing of buildings, school closures, and/or boundary/transportation recommendations. The feedback received from the community will be considered as the committee makes final recommendations to the Board of Education on the best use of school buildings for the future.

The Facilities Usage Committee is a 30-member task force made up of both community members and representatives from district employee associations. As a result of increasing budget issues, the Committee was charged by the Board in the spring of 2009 to analyze the use of school facilities and then recommend options for more efficient and effective use of those facilities. The options are based on the committee's established criteria: Operating Costs, Enrollment Trends, Choice Enrollment, Capacity Utilization, Building Condition, and Academic Achievement.

| Dialogue Meetings | Location |
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| Wednesday, 11/11/09, 6-7:30 | Alameda High |
| p.m. | School Auditorium |
| Saturday, 11/14/09, 9-10:30 | Manning School |
| a.m. | Auditorium |
| Monday, 11/16/09, 6-7:30 p.m. | Summit Ridge |
| | Middle School |
| | Auditorium |
| Wednesday, 11/18/09, 6-7:30 | Pomona High |
| p.m. | School Auditorium |