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### **Tacoma Public Schools hosts Informational Budget Overview Community meetings**

At the Tacoma School Board retreat on Jan. 15, Superintendent Jarvis and the School Board members agreed on the need for ongoing community conversations about the budget options available to the district.

The district has organized a series of informational public meetings regarding the budget crisis facing Tacoma Public Schools. Parents and community members can choose to attend one or more of the five Informational Budget Overview Community meetings scheduled within the next two weeks at various Tacoma schools.

These Informational Budget Overview Community meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m., at the following schools:

- Tues., Jan. 25—First Creek Middle School, Commons, 1801 E.56<sup>th</sup> St.
- Wed., Jan. 26—Giaudrone Middle School, Commons, 4902 S. Alaska St.
- Tues., Feb. 1—Jason Lee Middle School, Commons, 602 N. Sprague Ave.
- Wed., Feb. 2—Truman Middle School, Commons, 5801 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St.
- Thurs., Feb. 3—Meeker Middle School, Commons, 4402 Nassau Ave. NE

The district's Chief Financial Officer Ron Hack will present information on the district budget outlook due to dramatic cuts from the State of Washington. Hack also will describe the proposed areas for budget cut consideration, such as class size increase by one in grades K-5, temporary school closures, administrative cuts and operational savings and use of reserve funds.

Following the presentation, there will be stations where members of the public can engage district administrators informally in questions and answers on specific budget-related subjects. This allows more members of the public to have their specific questions answered and provides all members of the public an opportunity to write out their comments and feedback, which will be posted on display boards and later consolidated for review by the School Board members.

If you cannot attend but would like to share your thoughts on the budget overview, please visit the district Web site at [www.tacomaschools.org](http://www.tacomaschools.org) and click on the link titled District Budget Outlook. You will find a place where you can submit questions or comments online for the Superintendent and School Board members.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 253-571-1015.

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