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Dear Staff Member:

September 19, 2003

As many of you are aware, I unveiled an educational facility assessment plan at the September 10th Board of Education meeting. I would like to invite you to the three community dialogues where we will review the educational use of the district's facilities. These evening dialogues will be an opportunity to listen, learn and exchange views, express opinions and work with others in the community to create a viable blueprint for our district's learning facilities.

We have hired DeJong Associates from Dublin, Ohio to assist us through this facilitation, identify the issues and explore the concepts and priorities for our facilities that will be a fit our educational future.

While we encourage you to attend the community dialogues we have also scheduled two staff focus groups for those that cannot attend the evening sessions.

The three community dialogues are progressive with the hope that you will attend all three. But if your schedule does not permit all three meetings we want to assure you that attending at least one forum will be very helpful.

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| Forum #1 | “Constructing an Educational Framework for a Facility Plan”
Wednesday, October 1
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Huron High School Cafeteria |
| Forum #2 | “Exploring Options”
Wednesday, October 29
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Pioneer High School Cafeteria |
| Forum #3 | “Identifying Best Solutions. Evaluating Preferred Options”
Thursday, December 4
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Huron High School Cafeteria |

Two staff sessions are scheduled for:

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| Staff Forum #1 | Wednesday, October 15
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Huron High Cafeteria |
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Staff Forum #2 Wednesday, November 12
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Pioneer High Cafeteria

Please plan to attend, and please solicit support from your student's parents as well as from community residents you know who do not have children in our schools. Our decisions must be made with community support, and this includes all voices.

As a staff member you are part of this community and your opinion is extremely valuable.

Please feel free to contact Liz Margolis or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. George V. Fornero
Superintendent

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+ Improved Facilities
= Improved Achievement

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“Community Dialogues” on Educational Facility Planning for Ann Arbor Public Schools

Building for Tomorrow Today

You're invited and encouraged to participate in the upcoming district-wide facility review sponsored by the Ann Arbor Public Schools. This series of three evening forums and focus groups will give you an opportunity to listen, learn, exchange views, express your opinions, and work with others in the community to create a viable, blueprint for the public schools district's learning facilities.

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Open to all members of the community.
Childcare and light refreshments provided.

For more information, call (734) 994-2236

