

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS EMBARK ON LISTENING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH TOUR

Coeur d'Alene, ID – In an effort to work harder in communicating and connecting with the community, members of the school board will be joining forces with district administrators to embark on opportunities to reach out and listen to what the community thinks of the Coeur d'Alene school district.

Chairman Tom Hearn shared the initiative as this month's school board meeting.

"We want to hear from all perspectives in our community and we can achieve this by going out and engaging in a conversation about the current state of our schools," stated Chair Tom Hearn. "It's important for us to go to people rather than ask our stakeholders to come to us."

The school board is interested in hearing it all... what the district is doing well, what areas the community would like to see the district do better and ask the question of stakeholders, "What matters to you about public education?"

Listening to how the community feels and what they want from their public school system will help the board and administrators as they begin a strategic planning process for the school district. "Now is the time to define a clear vision for our future so that we can ensure that we have a clear direction, and that our efforts and resources are pointing in that united direction," stated Superintendent Matthew Handelman.

School board members will go out and engage the public through a listening tour this school year. This will include speaking to key groups in the community, seeking out invitations to attend business and non-profit groups and being accessible to any organization interested in inviting board members to join them in dialogue.

If you belong to a group, organization or club that is interested in inviting representatives from the school board to attend one of your meetings or gatherings, please contact Lynn Towne, Clerk of the Board at 208.664.8241 or ltowne@cdaschools.org.