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### CKSD to Host Community Budget Meetings

SILVERDALE, Wash. – Central Kitsap School District will host four Community Budget Meetings this month regarding development of the CKSD Operating Budget for next school year (2010-11). CKSD parents and community members are invited to attend to learn more about the budget process and to provide feedback. The following meetings are scheduled:

**Thursday, March 18**  
**5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**  
and  
**6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**  
*Jenne-Wright Gymnasium*  
9210 Silverdale Way NW

**Monday, March 22**  
**6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**  
*Klahowya Secondary School Auditorium*  
7607 NW Newberry Hill Road

**Tuesday, March 23**  
**6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**  
*Olympic High School Forum*  
7070 Stampede Blvd. NW

CKSD continues to face significant funding challenges stemming from decreasing state funding, decreasing enrollment, and increased costs. Without substantial changes at the federal or state levels to fully fund education, these challenges will continue.

"Although the responsibility for fully funding public schools rests on the state Legislature, it repeatedly falls short of doing so," said Superintendent Greg Lynch. "This reality was realized formally last month, when King County Superior Court Judge John Erlick ruled that the state is failing to meet its constitutional duty to provide ample funding for schools."

Based upon initial state budget proposals, CKSD could be required to reduce up to \$4.3 million from its \$115 million budget. Student achievement and academic success are at risk if the proposed state cuts become a reality. The District will not know the full extent of its budget shortfall until the final state budget is released.

"Our proactive and fiscally conservative approach over the last several years allowed us to avoid the large-scale layoffs faced last spring by other districts throughout the state and to keep cuts away from the classroom," said Lynch. "However, our financial future rests with our legislators and governor. We have already made all the reductions we could without taking drastic measures, but we have no financial capacity to absorb additional multi-million dollar reductions."

For more on the CKSD budget process, visit <http://www.cksd.wednet.edu/Business/Budget/Budget.aspx>.