



## FACT SHEET: Piedmont’s “Shaping Our Future” Initiative

October 7, 2009

**Shaping Our Future: Education Planning and Priority Setting.** It has been over ten years since the Piedmont Unified School District has engaged the broader community in a long-range planning effort to help shape the future of Piedmont’s public school system. At the end of last year, the Piedmont Board of Education approached the Piedmont Educational Foundation (PEF) and asked for leadership and financial support to engage the district’s educational community in Piedmont’s “Shaping Our Future” Initiative. In response, the PEF Board awarded the district a \$25,000 grant and provided two community leaders from the foundation board to serve on the Collaborative Design Team to help in the planning and community outreach. The Design Team has been meeting since late summer to do pre-planning work in anticipation of launching the initiative this fall. Gina Bartlett from the Center for Collaborative Policy will be facilitating the planning effort.

**Collaborative Planning Group:** A representative group of educators, students, school support staff, administrators, parents, employee association representatives, community members, and school support group leaders will work together over the next three months to help the school district:

- Articulate a common mission for the Piedmont Schools;
- Develop a set of guiding principles and priorities that will help inform board policy development and decision making;
- Continue to foster a culture of decision making in which individuals from all facets of the school district’s educational community share responsibility for addressing the needs of students today and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Interested in Participating?** An announcement calling for volunteers to the Collaborative Planning Group was released this week in school bulletins and the local newspapers. Interested community volunteers must reside in Piedmont and commit to: 1) participating in two all day meetings, on Friday, October 23, 2009, and Friday, December 11, 2009, from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm; and 2) agree to serve as a contact person to solicit and receive input from others in the educational community between the two meetings. Those interested in participating must notify the Superintendent’s Administrative Assistant Beverly Feusier by 4:30 pm on Monday, October 12, 2009, at [bfeusier@piedmont.k12.ca.us](mailto:bfeusier@piedmont.k12.ca.us) or 510-594-2614, with the information below. Please note that because of space constraints, participation may be limited. For this reason, we encourage those who are interested to respond promptly and before the deadline.

**Collaborative Design Team Members:** Board President, Ray Gadbois, Board Member June Monach, Superintendent Constance Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Roth, Elementary Principal Carol Cramer, PMS Principal Jeanne Donovan, PHS Principal Randall Booker, Curriculum Director and MHS Principal Dr. Jamie Adams, Employee Association Presidents Harlan Mohagen (Association of Piedmont Teachers) and Maureen Rhodin (Classified School Employees Association), PEF Board Members Lupe Dryburgh and Dana Serleth, and Community Member Maria Carson-Breber

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ (staff/parent/community/organizations)

Please Note: Collaborative Planning Group participant names and contact information will be listed in publications to the school district and broader community. For those who do not want contact information to be listed, please check below:

Please do *not* list my contact information in publications to the school district and broader community.