

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday
October 26, 2011
6:00 PM

Lovonya DeJean Middle School
Multipurpose Room
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805

MEETING AGENDA

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A.1 Pledge of Allegiance**
- A.2 Roll Call**

B. ACTION ITEM

*** B.1 Budget Discussion and Prioritization for Multi-Year Planning**

Comment:

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Given the variables, the Board is considering establishing priorities to prepare for the adoption of a multi-year plan should the mid-year ‘triggers’ not occur and if the mid-year ‘triggers’ take place. Among those considerations are programs that the Board has designated as priorities in the past. If there are no mid-year cuts, the Board is considering how to allocate the savings from paying off the state loan and the remaining balance of the special reserve. If the mid-year state budget cuts are at the maximum level, the Board will need to consider where the additional reductions will be for the 2012-13 school year.

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Fiscal Impact:

To be determined

D. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School –November 2, 2011

E. ADJOURNMENT

* The public may only address items which are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Governing Board welcomes and encourages public comment. Members of the public may comment on items included on this agenda; however, we ask that you limit your comments to 2 minutes so that as many as possible may be heard. The total time for public comment for each item is limited to no more than 30 minutes. (Education Code §35145.5, Government Code §54954.3)

Special Accommodations: *Upon written request to the District, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, will be provided. Please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 510-231-1101 at least 48 hours in advance of meetings.*

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Office of the Superintendent

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From: Bruce Harter **Agenda Item:**
Superintendent
Subject: Budget Discussion and Prioritization for Multi-Year Planning

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DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Tabled _____