

PROPOSAL: *Project Forward*

September 29, 2008

Overview

The City Council-School Board Subcommittee (“Compact”) is proposing the creation of a committee to identify, discuss, evaluate and recommend a set of guiding principles for the Hermosa Beach City School District.

The Compact believes a select committee of residents could focus a renewed community-wide discussion about maintaining the quality of education received by the children of Hermosa Beach.

The Committee will be expected to discuss and reasonably understand the complexities facing the District and the City regarding enrollment, facilities, expenditures, regulatory environment, contractual agreements, and funding.

With this understanding and with an appreciation of the historic roots of this process, the Committee will work to find common ground among various constituencies in the community, identify broadly supported goals, and ultimately come to consensus around a declaration of guiding principles for community. The guiding principles will be more substantive than a “wish list” because the Committee will thoroughly weigh and evaluate the various wants, needs and resources available to Hermosa Beach.

The Committee will present its declaration of guiding principles to the School Board and the City Council.

Proposal Details

Committee Name: Project Forward

Committee Structure:

- 10 voting members (must be a Hermosa Beach resident)
- 2 non-voting members (1 School Board member and 1 City Council member)
- Committee Chair chosen by 10 voting members

Committee Selection:

- There will be a joint School Board/City Council meeting to select the committee
- Each School Board member and each City Council member will select one committee member from a pool of applicants

Meeting Structure:

- Monthly pre-scheduled meetings
- Public input is encouraged and will be a crucial element of all discussions
- Report to community through public meetings of the School Board and City Council
- Report due in May 2009

Committee Goal:

- The Committee will be charged with drafting a declaration of guiding principles

The applications must be submitted by **Friday, October 17, 2008 at 4:00pm** at the School District Office at Valley School located at 1645 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, Ca 90254. Applications may be returned in person any time at either the School District Office or at City Hall 1315 Valley Drive to the City Clerks Office Monday thru Thursday 7:00am to 6:00pm. Any questions can be handled by contacting the School District Office at 310-937-5877 or City Hall at 310-318-0216. The first meeting will take place on October 27, at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**Project Forward-Hermosa Beach
APPLICATION**

Name: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

Occupation/Profession: _____

Name of Employer _____ **Bus. Phone:** _____

Address of Employer _____

REFERENCES:

Local: _____

Professional: _____

Other: _____

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE (past and present): _____

Why do you wish to become a Project Forward Committee member? _____

Can you help develop goals and performance measurements for the schools that engage the entire community? If so what is your top priority? _____

