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Sept. 26, 2013

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education hereby creates a 72-member Facility Capacity/Utilization and Grade Configuration Study Community Focus Group for the purpose of meeting for one day (October 26, 2013, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with Dr. Paul Seversky and Mr. Jeff Robbins to examine 17 options that pertain to facility utilization and grade configuration. The district will provide food and refreshments for the Community Focus Group. There will be an application process, and the Board of Education's Planning and Development Committee will select the 72 members. The final roster will be brought to the full Board for action on October 24, 2013.

FACILITIES CAPACITY/UTILIZATION AND GRADE CONFIGURATION STUDY FOCUS GROUP

Composition of Resident Focus Group:

4	Parents, child(ren) under 4	2	Residents w/grandchildren in district
4	Parents, Pre-K student(s)	2	Residents w/grandchildren not in district
4	Parents, K-4 student(s)	2	Business Owners
4	Parents, 5-6 student(s)	2	Public Sector Employees
4	Parents, 7-8 student(s)	2	Private Sector Employees
4	Parents, 9-12 student(s)	12	District Staff Members-- --2 faculty members K-4 --2 faculty members 5-6 --2 faculty members 7-8 --2 faculty members 9-12 --2 elementary principals --2 secondary principals
2	Parents, college student(s)		
6	Parents, adult child(ren)		
2	Residents w/no children		
6	Retired Residents	2	Retired District Staff Members
3	Senior Citizens	2	Clergypersons
2	Town/Village Officials	1	Unemployed Resident

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Horseheads Central School District
Facilities Use/Grade Configuration Study Focus Group
Resident Application

The Board of Education is seeking residents who wish to be considered to serve on a 72-member Facilities Use/Grade Configuration Study Focus Group. Deadline to apply is October 7.

Once selected, the group will meet on Saturday, October 26, from 8am to 4pm, to examine the recommendations presented to the board by consultants at their July 11 meeting.

Last school year, the board charged consultants Hunt Engineers and Architects and Dr. Paul Seversky with examining the district in-depth and providing recommendations that would save district resources, in light of diminishing funding and budget deficits in recent years.

The consultants provided 13 different recommendations, many which close schools, change the reconfiguration of grades, and include construction costs, with various savings. Four additional options have been added since the July 11 meeting, so the focus group will examine a total of 17 options.

The focus group will be asked to review, discuss, and identify the possible opportunities and challenges of each recommendation.

“We’re looking for residents who are interested in serving the students of our district, who have the ability to listen to all sides of an issue, can see the ‘big picture’ yet can also appreciate and understand details and challenges, and who can articulate their thoughts effectively,” said Board of Education President Brian Lynch.

The focus group will include representatives from all areas of the district, including parents of students from all schools, businesspeople, retirees, area officials, and more.

If you’re interested in serving on the focus group, please complete the application on the reverse and return to the Superintendent’s Office **by October 7**.

Facilities Use/Grade Configuration Study Focus Group
October 26, 2013 • 8am to 4pm
Multi-Media Center



Our Mission
“Quality Education for All”

The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

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Horseheads Central School District Facilities Use/Grade Configuration Study Focus Group

Resident Application

Deadline to submit is October 7. Please print legibly.

Name _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City, State Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Are you employed outside the home? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where? _____ Job Title _____

Are you or is any member of your family employed by the Horseheads district? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please identify and indicate relationship: _____

What best describes you? Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, child(ren) under 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, adult children | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Employee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, Pre-K student(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> No children | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector Employee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, K-4 student(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> District Staff Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, 5-6 student(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired District Staff Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, 7-8 student(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchildren in district | <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, 9-12 student(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchildren not in district | <input type="checkbox"/> Town/Village Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, college student(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |

How long have you resided in the Horseheads Central School District? _____ years

Have you participated in Horseheads district, or district town/village organizations during the last three years? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please briefly explain: _____

Why do you wish to participate on this focus group? _____

What do you think is the most important role of an individual member of this focus group? _____

Please describe any experiences or skills you are able to offer as a member of the focus group: _____

*Please return completed form by **October 7** to the Superintendent's Office by one of the following ways: mail to One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, fax to (607) 795-2405, or e-mail a scanned copy to hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com. Thank you!*