



Board of Education Queen Bee Schools, District No. 16

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Queen Bee Students and Members of the Queen Bee Community:

As you all know our schools continue to be plagued with serious economic problems. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has a backlog of \$4.2 billion in unpaid bills and the public schools are among the agencies that they have been unable to pay. We have been informed by ISBE that unless a significant source of revenue is established, we will see another decrease in our funding for 2010-2011.

In addition, we will not know the impact of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on property tax revenue, another major school funding source, until mid-January. If the downward trend continues we anticipate that we will experience an even greater decrease in our anticipated revenue. In preparation for the loss of revenue, the administrative team, Board of Education, and the Queen Bee Education Association have partnered to engage in discussions about how to manage the impact on our educational programs.

We want to hear from our parents/community as well. We are inviting the community to a series of public forums so that we can engage in discussions about our school district's financial situation. Each event is open to all parents and/or community members and will be structured to allow for open dialogue about the financial status and plans for addressing our loss of revenue.

The public forums are scheduled on the following dates: **January 12, 2010 at Pheasant Ridge School following the 7:00 pm PTO meeting; January 25, 2010 at Glenside Middle School at 7:00 pm; February 4, 2010 at Americana School following the 7:00 pm PTO meeting; and February 9, 2010 at Glen Hill School following the 7:00 pm PTO meeting.** We encourage all interested parties to attend one of these meetings. We are committed to addressing any concerns or questions that you have.

We will continue to periodically update all stakeholders regarding our economic situation. Information will be distributed through district and building newsletters and posted on the district website (www.queenbee16.org).

On behalf of the Board of Education and staff of Queen Bee Schools, I appreciate your continued support and understanding during this difficult time. Please feel free to contact my office if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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