

Expect snacks and fellowship in an informal, small group setting for the purpose of discussing the following four questions:

1. What would you like all students to thank us for when we (District 279) have completed our work with them?
2. If District 279's goal is to have ALL students succeed in achieving high standards, in what specific ways would the school district need to change its practices?
3. What characteristics or qualities of Osseo Area Schools would you not want to lose no matter what change the school system needed to make to achieve its high standards?
4. What are the greatest untapped resources among our staff and within our community that will be needed to assure that all students achieve our high standards?

Your ideas will be shared with our strategic planning team, giving you a voice in creating the future of Osseo Area Schools.

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An Invitation from the Superintendent

**An Invitation to the
Osseo Area Schools'**



*Community Café:
Conversations about
our Future*

September 13, 2006

**Park Center Senior High
7300 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443**

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Hosted by:
Susan K. Hintz
Superintendent



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6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Conversation matters...

Since our earliest ancestors gathered in circles around the warmth of a fire, conversation has been important for discovering what we care about. It's how we've always shared our knowledge, imagined the future and created commitment to our community.

What is a Community Café?

- ▶ Small group conversations in an informal setting
- ▶ An opportunity to think together about our future
- ▶ A chance to learn...from each other
- ▶ An opportunity to impact the future of this school district

The District 279 mission is to make certain that all our students achieve. We can't do it alone; we need you. Our *Commitment to Community* is about building meaningful relationships and creating trusting environments so that our staff, students and community can work together to support our students.

We are beginning a comprehensive strategic planning process this fall. Our Community Café will focus on conversations that help to inform our planning process. The ideas that emerge in the Café will be shared with our strategic planning team. We need your thinking about what works well in District 279 now, as well as what we should consider for the coming years.

Expect snacks and fellowship in an informal, small group setting for the purpose of discussing the four questions listed on the reverse side of this brochure. We especially hope that our students in grades 9-12 join us. Please R.S.V.P. at (763) 391-8639 and reserve your place today.

Also our eNewsletter—*Commitment to Community* brings important updates from the superintendent directly to your inbox. To become a subscriber to our eNewsletter, please email to Listserv@Listserv.District279.org and, in the text of your message type: **SUBSCRIBE COMMUNITY**.

We hope to see you at our first Community Café on September 13.

Susan Hintz
Superintendent of Schools