

**EDUCATION/STRATEGIC PLAN**

# D60 focus group meetings announced

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To refine its priorities, strengthen operations and plan its future, Pueblo City Schools (D60) has initiated a strategic planning process.

A focal point of the process is the collection of input from stakeholders, parents, students and educators through both focus groups and a survey.

On Thursday, during a board of education work session, the dates for the focus groups meetings for the general public and educators were announced.

The sessions will be held Feb. 21 and 22 at five locations around the city, at various times in order to accommodate. The sessions will be held Feb. 21 and 22 at five locations around the city, at various times in order to accommodate the schedules of educators, stakeholders and any community members who wish to participate.

To help encourage a more free exchange of ideas and opinions, dis-

trict administrators and officials are not expected to be present at the open meetings.

Additionally, focus group sessions will be staged to allow students, the District Accountability Committee and a Key Invite Stakeholders Group — made up of members invited by board members — the opportunity to offer input as to the future direction of the district.

To help create a strategic plan, the district has contracted with the Epic Impact Education Group of Ohio, representatives of which will help facilitate the focus group meetings.

Complementing those gatherings is a multi-question survey, to be launched by the end of the month, that will allow takers to anonymously answer questions and if desired, offer commentary.

The survey will be accessible through the D60 website and will include questions “ranging from basic demographics to the skills our communi-

**STAKEHOLDERS, EDUCATORS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS****Feb. 21**

- 9-10:30 a.m., Fellowship of the Rockies, 3892 W. Northern Ave.
- 4-5 p.m., El Pueblo History Museum, 301 N. Union Ave.

**FEB. 22**

- 9-10:30 a.m., Praise Assembly of God, 2000 Troy Ave.
- 4:15-5:45 p.m., Center for American Values, 101 S. Main St.
- 6-7:30 p.m., Centennial High School, 2525 Mountaintop Drive.

**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS****Feb. 21**

- Students: noon-1:30 p.m., El Pueblo History Museum
- District Accountability Committee: 6:15-8 p.m., Administrative Services Center, 315 W. 11th St.

**KEY STAKEHOLDERS INVITE GROUP****Feb. 22**

- 1-2:30 p.m., Center for American Values

ty believes our students need to reach their goals,” according to Dalton Sprouse, D60’s director of communications.

Potential questions will likely center around district communication and accessibility, facilities’ functionality and aesthetics, the top issues

facing students, aspects of the school system that are a source of pride and what areas need to be improved.

More detailed information about the survey and its accessibility will be announced once the final questions are formulated. [jpompia@chieftain.com](mailto:jpompia@chieftain.com)