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NEWS and INFORMATION

SUSD TO HOLD PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE UPCOMING OVERRIDES *Meetings will clarify differences: renewal of M&O Override and possible Capital Override*

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (March 22, 2007) – Meetings to inform the public about and to discuss two possible upcoming overrides—renewal of the M&O Override and a proposed Capital Override—will be held for each of the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) high school complexes. The meetings will include a presentation from Superintendent Dr. John M. Baracy followed by a Q&A session for the public. SUSD Administrators and Governing Board members will also be present.

“We have two very important overrides that the Board may choose to place on the ballot this fall,” Dr. Baracy said. “As a public school district, we think it is important that we give the voters information about these two items and that we hear and incorporate their feedback.”

The existing M&O Override is a renewal of an override that was passed by voters in 1989 and was renewed by them again in 1993, 1997 and 2003. It funds existing teaching positions, elementary music programs, gifted programs, and P.E. and after-school programs.

A Capital Override allows a school district to provide for capital needs that cannot be met by a district's regular capital budget—things like classroom needs and furniture, equipment and library resources. This override needs to go hand-in-hand with a bond program to adequately furnish and equip new schools. In 2004, Scottsdale taxpayers overwhelmingly approved a bond initiative to renovate and rebuild our five high schools. If the Capital Override is placed on the ballot and passed, it will fund classroom instructional materials, playground equipment and improvements, fine arts equipment, athletic equipment and technology for the classroom. It will not fund laptop computers for students.

All meetings are scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. The dates and locations for the five meetings are:

- Thursday, April 12, 2007
Saguaro Complex: Saguaro High School media center
6250 N. 82nd Street, Scottsdale
- Monday, April 16, 2007
Desert Mountain Complex: Mountainside Middle School mini-auditorium
11256 N. 128th Street, Scottsdale
- Tuesday, April 24, 2007
Chaparral Complex: Chaparral High School media center
6935 E. Gold Dust Avenue, Scottsdale
- Thursday, April 26, 2007
Arcadia Complex: SUSD Education Center boardroom
3811 N. 44th Street, Phoenix
- Monday, April 30, 2007
Coronado Complex: Coronado High School media center
2501 N. 74th Street, Scottsdale

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