

In January, the Juneau School District will initiate a new budget process for the FY 2011 year, which begins on July 1, 2010. A Budget Committee comprised of all seven Board of Education members along with five community members has been created to oversee the process.

The school district is currently recruiting for community members who would like to serve on this Budget Committee. The group will meet approximately six times during January and February to learn about the District budget, hear proposals made by the Superintendent, and to gather testimony from our community. By the end of February, the Budget Committee will make a budget recommendation to the Board. The Board then approves a final budget and submits it to the City and Borough of Juneau.

The Board of Education and the district administration is changing the way the budget is presented to make the process and the budget itself more transparent and understandable to the community. A key piece of this process is to have participation from the public.

The district is seeking individuals who have a willingness to look at the budget from a district wide perspective in the interest of all students. Candidates should have a working knowledge of budgeting or finance as well as education. It is important that the individuals selected for this committee show commitment to the process by agreeing to attend each meeting on the two-month schedule from January 13 through February 23. As much as possible, it is the desire of the school district to have representation from different geographic areas of the community.

Applications must be received by January 4, 2010. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve on the Budget Committee, please visit www.juneauschools.org to review the Budget Committee meeting schedule and complete the application. Call JSD Administrative Services Director David Means at 523-1771 for information.

Next Semester Business Classes Worth Taking:

Internet Concepts & Web Page Design: Students learn web design principles and create websites for personal, family, activity, and/or business use.

Finance & Investing: Students learn financial planning, budgeting, bank services (checking, savings, CDs), the ups and downs of credit, the stock market, insurance, taxes, fraud & identity theft protection, and the Alaska Permanent Fund. Guest speakers from the business community share their financial expertise.

Contact Cindy Pastorino at 523-1559 or cindy_pastorino@jsd.k12.ak.us with questions.

Over Dues?? If your JDHS student has an overdue library book, literature set book or textbook, an overdue notice was mailed home with progress reports on Friday, December 18, 2009. Furthermore, until the items are returned or replacement costs are paid, access to your student's Power School information will be denied. Questions can be directed to the JDHS Library 523-1621

Video Club Installs New Equipment

With the kind help from the Juneau School District, Skaggs Foundation, KTOO-TV, Counterfitters, UAS, Alaska Pacific Bank, and KATH-TV, the JDHS Video Club has installed new Video Toaster (VT) equipment in Room 119 in order to create a television studio in that room. With the support of former Principal Bernie Sorenson and Interim Principal Jim Kuhlmann, Video Club has enlisted JDHS-graduate and Chief Engineer Mikko Wilson at KATH-TV in Juneau to design and install the equipment. The goal is to have hard wiring to Channel 6 (the school district's channel) as well as to the JDHS gym and auditorium. Currently the VT is all installed, the software is up and running, and Mr. Steele's third period News Production class used the gear for their first taped on-air broadcast this year. Students operated the equipment, cameras, sound board, and communications equipment and are learning the intricacies and capabilities of digital broadcasting. Thanks to all those listed above for their help and support. JDTV Channel 6 hopes to have some regular broadcasts starting Semester 2.

First Semester FINALS will be the week of January 19th. There will be alternative bell schedules that week with final exam periods being longer to accommodate the exams. NO MORE than two exams will be offered on each day, with the exception of zero or seventh hour classes. Watch for detailed information to come your way! Thank you.....