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School Board Seeks Public Input On Proposed Board Members' Districts

The School Board of Palm Beach County is considering redrawing of the School Board Member residence areas and is seeking public input on the proposal. The changes to School Board Member residence areas come as a result of the 2010 Census and a desire to better balance population distribution among the 7 Board Member Districts. A priority during this process was to keep communities of interest intact.

A map of the Proposed Districts is provided with this release. The existing (2001) Board Member Districts are shown with a thick blue line to illustrate where the proposed changes are occurring. Of particular note are the following changes:

- The Glades communities will be represented by one Board Member in District 6 rather than two Board Members. Representation by one Board Member was endorsed by the Glades Tri-City Coalition.
- Likewise, Wellington, the Acreage and Royal Palm Beach are all represented by one Board Member District, rather than being divided by two Districts.
- Western Boca Raton communities are being incorporated into District 5, as is the northeastern part of Boca Raton. Boca Raton is now represented by one Board Member.
- Western Boynton Beach communities are incorporated into District 3 rather than being split between two Districts, in an effort to reduce voter confusion.
- The communities of Parker Ridge and Prospect Heights have been incorporated into District 2. This change was supported by the Hispanic Education Coalition.
- Singer Island has been incorporated into District 1 due to its geographic proximity to the northernmost District.

There are several opportunities for public input as follows:

1. Visit the Redistricting website at www.PBCRedistricting.info to view the map and submit public comment by email.
2. Fax comments to (561) 434-7380
3. Attend a community input meeting. See schedule below.

A series of community input meetings is being held in four schools throughout the County between November 1 and November 8, 2011.

**Redistricting Community Input Meetings
All Meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

November 1, 2011 – Pahokee High School – Media Center
November 2, 2011 – Conniston Community Middle School – Media Center
November 3, 2011 – Park Vista Community High School – Cafeteria
November 8, 2011 – Palm Beach Lakes Community High School – Media Center

For more information, please visit the website at www.PBCRedistricting.info or contact the Planning and Real Estate Services department at (561) 434-8935.

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