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**MEDIA RELEASE: Call for Committee Members, Strategic Planning**

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### **Invitation to Serve on Strategic Planning Committee**

The District 65 Board of Education invites staff members and parents/residents to consider serving on the District's Strategic Planning Committee, which is being asked to discuss, formulate and recommend to the Board a five-year strategic or long range plan for the District to follow. The recommendation will be advisory to the Board and will not be the official Plan for the District until formally adopted by the Board, either as recommended or as revised by the Board.

#### ***Composition of Committee***

The Committee will consist of 30-40 individuals including administrators, board members, other staff members, parents and teachers. Individuals will be selected to serve on the Committee by the Board. The Board has developed a brief Application Form to assist it with the selection process. The applications will be reviewed and individuals will be selected to serve on the basis of current or past experiences in voluntary service to school districts and/or the community, to ensure geographical representation throughout the District and to provide a balance among stakeholder groups.

#### ***Time Commitment***

Individuals requesting consideration to serve will be expected to participate during the entire process which will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 12 and 26, May 10 and 31 and September 13 and 27. Additional time may be necessary to develop the Plan. If necessary, the additional time needed will be scheduled to accommodate the Committee members.

#### ***Facilitation***

Bill Attea has agreed to facilitate the planning process and guide the Committee in development of the Plan. Dr. Attea is Chairman of the Board with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., a consulting firm that offers a full-range of development services for school districts, including strategic planning.

#### ***Application Form***

Copies of the application form are also available on the District 65 web site. Click on Strategic Planning in the Table of Contents to be directed to the specific page. Completed applications are due March 21<sup>st</sup>. To request a printed copy of the application or if there are questions about the Strategic Planning process, please feel free to contact the District's Communications Director, Pat Markham at 847 859-8067 or via e-mail at [markhamp@district65.net](mailto:markhamp@district65.net).

*Evanston/Skokie School District 65 serves approximately 6,500 students in the Evanston and Skokie communities. The district is comprised of 10 elementary schools, three middle schools, two magnet schools and one special services school. District 65 continually strives to provide a high-quality learning environment to its diverse student body. The Board of Education is actively seeking new ways to enhance student achievement. District 65 enjoys strong community involvement through the PTAs and local organizations. To learn more about the district, visit the website at [www.district65.net](http://www.district65.net).*

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