

Mayor's Forum on the State of Our Schools

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced today that he will host the first of three public meetings to hear directly from parents, teachers and others who are concerned about the state of New Bedford's public schools.



“At a time when our schools are facing serious challenges, a healthy public discussion about their condition is absolutely vital. We all have a stake in what is happening in our schools, and so it is important right now for as many people as possible to have opportunities, like these meetings, to get engaged,” said Mayor Mitchell.

Mitchell added, “I encourage everyone to share their observations, concerns, as well as positive ideas for change. The only thing I ask of participants is that those who offer a criticism also pledge themselves to be part of a solution. It can be big or small, easy or difficult, but each of us—whether parents, teachers, principals, or others in the community—needs to offer something constructive.”

The series of open community meetings will be held over the next several weeks at each of the three middle schools. Each of the scheduled meetings will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m.:

- Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Roosevelt Middle School, 119 Frederick Street
- Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Boulevard

- Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Normandin Middle School,
81 Felton Street

Translators will be on hand to assist with the Spanish, Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole languages. Parents unable to attend one of the meetings are encouraged to send their observations about and recommendations for our schools by email to Jon.Mitchell@newbedford-ma.gov or by regular mail to:

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