

September 8, 2011

Keeping Hope and The Dream Alive!

The Special Meeting of the Board was continued to Tuesday at 9 am on September 13.

The Board stepped back from a proposed Starr and Mendocino closure date of October 15 to give the many supporters attending the meeting the opportunity to begin raising funds to continue operations of the two Centers. The next Regular Meetings of the Board will take place September 21 and October 12.

The Board also asked for the preparation of a “bare bones” budget to provide a very basic level of services as an alternative to a complete closure. That budget will be the subject of the continued meeting on Tuesday.

Please take the time to read Chair Sipila’s opening statement which is either attached to or posted with this memo.

The Board Chair appointed a Fund Raising Committee from members of the audience and also authorized the formation of Mendocino Center and Starr Center Advisory Committees to advise the Board on Programs, Operations and Financial Stability.

I understand that this is a very difficult time for each of you. Uncertainty of the future is more difficult to deal with than actual change. I sincerely appreciate your commitment to the District and together, with our community, we will find a way to keep “the Dream Alive.”

Jim Hurst
Executive Director
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