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Community Conversations ...Update

Two Conversations have been scheduled, January 13 (3:00 to 4:30) and January 18 (7:00 – 8:30). These Conversations will take place in the Newtown High School auditorium (note change of location). The purpose of the Conversations is to provide an opportunity for community members to share their ideas for the future of the Sandy Hook school facility. There is no formal agenda. Our hope is that participants will share their thoughts and will, in turn, listen carefully to the thoughts of others. This approach will require a great deal cooperation and compromise. We will hear passions expressed for every possibility and will have to remember, always, that every person in the conversation wishes to do the right and best thing for our larger community, for Sandy Hook, for our school, our students, and our families. We may not agree fully with how another person sees the journey unfolding but remember we are on that journey together.

The meeting will open with some brief comments on the role going forward of the state of Connecticut and, to some extent, the federal government. Mr. Fran Pennarola will moderate the discussion from that point.

Members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Board of Finance, and Legislative Council are present as members of our community, and not in their roles as elected officials.

Specific guidance for media has been developed and is available through the Office of the First Selectman.

Questions or concerns should be addressed to Pat Llodra, First Selectman or Debbie Leidlein, Chair Board of Education.

