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## AUBURN INVITES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION WITH NEW SERIES: "NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATIONS"

AUBURN, ME. – In preparation for the upcoming budget season, the City of Auburn and the Auburn School Department is focusing on connecting with citizens by launching a series of meetings: "Neighborhood Conversations." These meetings are meant to engage the diverse viewpoints of our citizens and allow them to:

- Learn about educational initiatives and neighborhood activities specific to each area of the community
- Connect, ask questions, share ideas and voice concerns

Beginning the third week of January and ending the second week of February, this series of four meetings will be held at four different locations around the City—at least one in each ward and connected to the activities of each of our neighborhood elementary schools. These public meetings will include, Citizens, City Staff, School Staff, Educators and Elected Officials.

Because the City of Auburn is continually striving to better our services and set a direction for the community that we all can support, we encourage the public to attend one or more of our "Neighborhood Conversations." All meetings will begin at 6:00 PM and the schedule is as follows:

- January 21 (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 | Parents of children from Park Ave Elementary, Edward Little High School, Washburn Elementary | All surrounding neighborhoods)
  - o Location: Edward Little High School, Band Room

- January 28 (Ward 1 | Parents of children from East Auburn Community School, Washburn Elementary | All surrounding neighborhoods)
  - o Location: East Auburn Community School, Multipurpose Room
- February 4 (Wards 4, 5 | Parents of children from Walton Elementary, Sherwood Heights Elementary | All surrounding neighborhoods)
  - Location: Walton Elementary School, Gymnasium
- February 9 (Wards 2, 3, 4 | Parents of children from Fairview Elementary, Auburn Middle School | All surrounding neighborhoods)
  - Location: Auburn Middle School, Band Room

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