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***Palos Verdes Faculty Association to Hold Town Hall at Peninsula High School  
PVFA to Announce Actions in Response to District's Harmful Budgeting Practices***

District Continues to Hoard Funds; Keeps Shortened Student Calendar

**Palos Verdes Estates**—The Palos Verdes Faculty Association will be holding a Town Hall meeting for all community stakeholders on Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 7-8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Peninsula High School at 27118 Silver Spur Road Rolling Hills Estates CA 90274-2300.

“The teachers have reached their limit for sacrifice” said PVFA president, Kathy Santarosa. “While the surrounding districts have restored student days; offered teachers raises and improved working conditions, our district continues to hoard funds and our students and teachers are hurting because of it.”

At a recent school board meeting, attended by well over one hundred teachers, several speakers described the hardships they have faced over the last five years. “While Palos Verdes teachers have made great financial and personal sacrifices to keep our district financially solvent and academically excellent, the District set about to exploit the financial crisis, squirreling away revenue that should have been used in the classroom” a Palos Verdes High School teacher stated. One Peninsula High School English teacher went on to say, “Each of us gave up thousands of dollars with the belief that our district administration was facing otherwise insurmountable financial obstacles. Now that the national economy has begun to recover and state funding for education has substantially improved, we have come to understand that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District never really faced as much financial hardship as they repeatedly claimed. We also know now that despite the vast improvement in the District’s financial outlook, PVPUSD apparently has very little intention of providing any meaningful relief to the financial burden 17 furlough days have had on the District’s faculty. We have a generous community; a dedicated staff and incredible students—the District must do better by all of us.”

PVFA President Santarosa stated that the teachers will be implementing action plans at all school sites as of October 4<sup>th</sup> to help the District to understand how important it is that we reach a reasonable settlement right away. She went on to say that the teachers are inviting community members to the Town Hall meeting in order to explain their position and to listen to parent feedback.

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