

Press Release:

Title : **Education Summit Announced –**

Develop a Vision for the Future of Healdsburg Schools

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You are encouraged to participate in a community planning process to develop a long-range vision for the public schools in Healdsburg. The Healdsburg Unified School District, in partnership with the Healdsburg Education Foundation, is spearheading a community-wide “Education Summit” on **Saturday, October 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Healdsburg High School Cafeteria.** The Education Summit will:

- Involve local community members in long-range planning to support quality education;
- Incorporate local residents’ hopes and concerns for our local public schools;
- Develop a shared vision for education – “Healdsburg 20/20” - that meets the diverse needs of our community;
- Identify the building blocks of curriculum, finance, administration, accountability, and volunteerism necessary to achieve the community vision, and lastly
- Identify current and prospective community interest in investing and volunteering in our local schools.

The Education Summit will lead to the development of “Healdsburg 20/20” which will guide future decisions made by the school district.

Community involvement is key to a thriving public education in Healdsburg. Input from local residents during the Education Summit will add richness to the outcomes we want for our students. The importance of community involvement is even more important now that the school district is a “basic aid” district with almost all funding coming from local property taxes and private donations.

Jeff Harding, HUSD Superintendent states, “Each child in Healdsburg deserves the finest education we can offer. Through a collaborative effort between our staff and the Healdsburg community, we will develop and implement a plan to turn our vision into a reality.”

Henry Hersch, HEF Board member adds, "As the Chair of the Education Summit Committee, I feel privileged to be engaged in this project which will enable our community to participate in exploring the needs of our school system."

The Education Summit is co-sponsored by the Healdsburg Education Foundation. The City of Healdsburg is also a strong partner and has provided a \$2,500 Community Benefit Grant to fund a professional facilitator and community planning professional to help coordinate this effort.

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