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### **SMMUSD to Hold Meetings on Implementation of Sustainability Plan**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is holding two public meetings in November to gather input on the implementation of the districtwide sustainability plan. The meetings, in Malibu and Santa Monica, will include a summary presentation of the draft plan and a chance for public comment on its implementation.

The Plan for Districtwide Sustainability, which has been in development for a year, is a roadmap for uniting existing initiatives with future projects and incorporating sustainability into the curriculum for all SMMUSD students. It also outlines the integration of sustainability into district operations, resource efficiency (energy, water, consumable materials like paper), waste management (such as reducing the use of plastics), transportation, food and nutrition and other programs.

The plan was developed with input from students, teachers, staff and the Board of Education. The Board of Education will approve the draft plan at a future school board meeting.

SMMUSD has been a leader in sustainability efforts, through installation of solar at many school sites and student education projects. Caroline Coster, the district's sustainability coordinator, says the detailed plan goes much further by making sustainability a part of the district's operational fabric.

"We've had a great start with very good programs," she said. "We are proud of how far this plan can take the district and look forward to hearing from parents and citizens regarding implementation at these meetings."

The presentation will be made by representatives from Cumming Corp., the district's sustainability consultant.

Both meetings are open to parents, staff and community members:

#### **Santa Monica**

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Will Rogers Elementary School Auditorium  
2401 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Santa Monica, 90405

#### **Malibu**

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Malibu Middle-High School Library  
30215 Morning View Drive  
Malibu, 90265

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As part of SMMUSD's sustainability commitment, a public energy-use dashboard is now online. The [SMMUSD Energy Dashboard](#) allows people to view power use across the district by site, including the percentage of energy coming from solar, and allowing comparison to previous years. There is also a link on the [www.smmusd.org](http://www.smmusd.org) website.

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