
PVUSD PROGRESS

progress *n* [ME, fr. L *progressus* advance, fr. *progressus*, pp. of *progredito* go forth, fr. *pro* - forward + *gradi* to go - more at PRO-, GRADE] **1a**: a royal journey marked by pomp and pageant **b**: an expedition, journey, or march through a region. **2**: a forward or onward movement (as to an objective or to a goal) : ADVANCE **3**: gradual betterment; esp : the progressive development of mankind - **in progress** : going on : OCCURRING

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Assemblyman John Laird to Discuss Education at Historic Town Meeting

State Assemblyman John Laird will be the special guest of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District for the first ever PVUSD Town Meeting on Education and Budget Priorities to be presented Monday, Dec. 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at The Towers, formerly Watsonville Community Hospital.

After a long and difficult budget cutting process, local educators are concerned about the future of public schools. At Monday night's historic meeting the prospects for full funding of schools will be discussed along with possibility of even deeper budget cuts.

"We are very fortunate to have the Assemblyman come and discuss what he knows about the State's intentions," Board Trustee Sandra Nichols said.

Where will the State get the funds to support the schools? Are legislators committed to full funding for classrooms? Should local communities seek their own funding through parcel taxes? How do the new governor's plans fit with the needs of our local schools? These are questions concerned citizens are asking.

The Assemblyman will make a presentation, followed by a question and answer session. Audience members will have the opportunity to spontaneously question the Assemblyman regarding individual concerns. Then there will be 30 minutes of unscheduled time, during which the Assemblyman will be available to meet members of the community and have conversations in an informal setting.

Laird, the freshman Assemblyman representing Santa Cruz, parts of Monterey County, and Watsonville has close ties to the educational community. He has been involved in the local and national politics since 1972 when he served as a delegate for George McGovern in the Democratic National Convention. He also served as Mayor of Santa Cruz and Cabrillo College Board Trustee.

The Towers is located at 294 Green Valley Road; call 786-2135 for more information.

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