

PRESS RELEASE

The Portsmouth City School Department is pleased to announce the first in a series of workshops to discuss the programming and redesign of the Portsmouth Middle School on Parrott Avenue. These workshops are an opportunity for the community to have input into the process and participate in discussions with representatives from the School Board, JCJ Architecture and DeStefano Architects. Workshops will be held at Portsmouth City Hall in the Eileen Dondero Foley City Council Chambers and will be televised on the Portsmouth Government Access Channel 22.

Community Workshop #1 will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM and will be repeated on Wednesday, May 7th, 2008 at 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. This will be the same workshop offered at 2 different times. Come to whichever works best for your schedule!

Each session will follow the same format:

- **Introduction**
- **Process Overview and Schedule** – update on the progress to date.
- **Overview of Existing Building Conditions**
- **Potential Building Program** – summary of the educational program based on discussions with the middle school educators.
- **Site Conditions and Opportunities**
- **Open Discussion** – Q&A.
- **Wrap-Up.** The workshop will conclude with a review of next steps and times and topics of future meetings.

Please mark your calendars to join the second and final Community Workshops to be held:

- Monday, June 9th, 2008 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM or
- Tuesday, June 10th, 2008. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The focus of the June workshops will be the presentation and discussion of design options for the Parrott Avenue site.