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· MIAMI-DADE

Schools chief to discuss next budget

The Miami-Dade school district will hold a town hall meeting Thursday to discuss next year's budget. Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho will present a budget outlook and then take questions. The Miami-Dade district expects to see its \$4 billion budget slashed by more than \$150 million next year. Carvalho has said programs and positions are likely to be on the chopping block unless the forecast changes.

The town hall meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building, 1450 NE Second Ave. To reserve a seat, call 305-995-4638.

The meeting will be televised live on WLRN Channel 17 and also webcast at www.dadeschools.net. The public can e-mail questions to budgetquestions@ dadeschools.net . KATHLEEN MCGRORY

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DADE SCHOOLS HOLD TOWN HALL ON BUDGET

The Miami-Dade school district will hold a town hall meeting Tuesday to discuss its financial outlook and the 2011-12 budget.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the School Board Administration Building, 1450 NE Second Ave.

The Miami-Dade school district, the nation's fourth largest, is facing a \$108 million budget gap.

Last week, Superintendent Alberto Carvalho announced the district would not lay off any teachers for economic reasons.

Viewers can email questions to budgetquestions@ dadeschools.net during the meeting, which will be broadcast live on WLRN-PBS 17.

It will also be webcast on www.dadeschools.net . Seating is limited.

To inquire about availability, call 305-995-4638.

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CHOIR NEEDS CASH FOR OLYMPIC APPEARANCE

The students in the John A. Ferguson Senior High School choir have been invited to sing at the 2012 Olympic Games.

But to get to London, they'll need to raise thousands of dollars.

The teenagers are holding a fundraising concert Tuesday at Ferguson High, 15900 SW 56th St.

The program features Ferguson students singing alongside Latin jazz artists Bobby Ramirez, Ed Calle,

Nicole Yarling, Leon Foster Thomas, Jorge Rodriguez, Mark Gregory and Brian Russell.

The Ferguson jazz band will also pitch in.

The concert begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. Admission is \$7. All proceeds will go toward travel expenses.

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BROWARD TEACHERS' UNIONS TO PROTEST CUTBACKS

More than 2,000 teachers, parents and students are expected to gather outside the Broward School Board building in downtown Fort Lauderdale Tuesday evening in protest of recent budget cuts.

Last week, Broward Superintendent Jim Notter announced that 1,400 teachers would not be rehired next year and that all school district employees would be asked to take furlough days in order to fill a \$170 million budget gap.

Union spokesman John Ristow said the district needs to consider other money saving options, such as consolidating area offices and reducing the number of assistant principals, before making cuts that affect the classroom.

Ristow said union members will stand united Tuesday, holding signs and asking for the board to take a closer look at the cuts. The protest begins at 5 p.m. outside of the K.C. Wright Building, 600 Southeast Third Ave.

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