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Pleasanton Unified Hosts MIT Lecturer & Author Peter Senge

Pleasanton, California— Pleasanton Unified School District is proud to host a two-day capacity-building workshop for school, system, and community leaders with Peter Senge, author of many books including, *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization* (1990) and *Schools That Learn* (2000). The workshops will be held on September 29th and 30th.

Mr. Senge is a world-renowned business strategist who was named a 'Strategist of the Century' by the *Journal of Business Strategy* (September/October 1999). Since its publication, his book *The Fifth Discipline* popularized the concept of the 'learning organization' and has sold more than a million copies.

Mr. Senge is a graduate of Stanford University and has studied how firms and organizations develop adaptive capabilities for many years at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) where he is a senior lecturer. He is also the founding chair of the Society for Organizational Learning (SoL). The focus of his work is on decentralizing the role of leadership in organizations to enhance the capacity of all people to work productively toward common goals.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, Pleasanton Unified is a member of the Society for Organizational Learning (SoL) Education Partnership, which is a national learning community that is comprised of a network dedicated to forming strong collaborative relationships within, between, and among schools and communities. The mission of the SoL Education Partnerships is, "to ensure the viability of sustainable communities by leveraging changes in K-12 school systems to prepare young people for the shift toward a sustainable future."

"It is an honor to work with someone as dedicated to equitable education for all students and preparing them for a global economy and sustainable future as Mr. Peter Senge," said Superintendent Ahmadi. "We are thrilled to be able to host such important discussions and build strong collaborative relationships with a variety of organizations dedicated to building the capacity of our schools to better serve our students."

Members from organizations such as the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, Cal State East Bay and St. Mary's College Doctoral program in Education, as well as several districts in California will be attending this event.

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