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## **Candidate starts forums on city schools**

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**ATTLEBORO** - At-large school committee candidate David Murphy is launching a series of Tuesday roundtable discussions beginning Tuesday with a focus on the schools' importance to the overall community.

Murphy will act as facilitator for the roundtable, will be held at Briggs Corner Pizza. A different topic will be discussed at a different venue each week until the election, Murphy said.

Murphy said this Tuesday's panel of city area residents will explore the impact of quality schools on small businesses, the importance of the school system in a determination of property values, and how community mentors help, and benefit from, the public schools.

Among those who will be in attendance include lawyer and former state Rep. Max Volterra; Barbara Withers, former owner of the Blackinton Inn; former City Councilor Mike Davis; Cheryl Gordon, real estate agent; and John Newport, a participant in the Attleboro High School mentoring program.

In addition, a two-person, volunteer panel will add commentary on a dish chosen by the eatery's management, which will be posted along with a report of the substantive discussion at [www.murphy2011.com](http://www.murphy2011.com). The schedule of panels includes Athletics and Arts in Attleboro, Scorpions, Sept. 20; Special Education, Morin's, Sept. 27; Alumni Involvement, Eli's, Oct. 4; Elementary and Middle Schools of Attleboro, The Mediterranean, Oct. 11; Career and Technical Education, Fresh Catch, Oct. 18; and Attleboro High School, Wetherlaine's, Oct. 25.

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