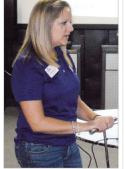


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Sharon Davis, Garden City School District superintendent, speaks to a group of people at a community meeting.

Garden City school district community approach differs from that of Liberal

By Bill Winters
Garden City school district superintendent Sharon Davis says the district's approach to budgeting is different from that of Liberal, Kan., where a community meeting was held last week to discuss the district's proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Davis said the Garden City district has a long history of transparency and community involvement in the budgeting process. She said the district's approach is to hold a community meeting where parents, teachers, and community members can voice their concerns and suggestions.

In Liberal, Kan., a community meeting was held last week to discuss the district's proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The meeting was held at the Liberal High School gymnasium and was attended by a large number of community members.

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Planting tips, when real spring arrives

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As the weather warms and the days get longer, it's time to start thinking about planting in your garden. Here are some tips to help you get started.

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