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Dear Sanford Educational Community for Grades K-8,

As noted in our original letter dated March 18, 2019, Sanford schools are in the midst of several construction projects across the district. Due to unforeseen construction delays, the former Sanford High School/Sanford Regional Technical Center building may not be ready to accommodate grades 4 - 8 in September 2019, as originally planned. The Margaret Chase Smith School expansion and renovation project is, however, on schedule so we will definitely need to relocate MCS students for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Relocating these students becomes more challenging if the former Sanford High School/Sanford Regional Technical Center is not ready. We remain optimistic but realistic and have taken the proactive measure of exploring available options, including placing all of Sanford's 8th graders at the new Sanford High School/Sanford Regional Technical Center and all of Sanford's 4th graders at Willard School for the 2019/2020 school year.

Proposed Grade Configuration by School Year

School	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
MCS	K-3	Closed for expansion	Pre K-4
CJL	K-5	Grades K-3 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm)	Pre K-4
Lafayette	K-3	Grades K-3 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm)	Closed
Willard	1-5	Grades 1-4 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm)	Closed
SJHS	6-8	Grades 5-7 until former SHS is ready (7:40 am to 2:00 pm)	Pre K-4
Former SHS	Closed for renovation	Delayed opening pending renovation (7:40 am to 2:00 pm when ready)	5-8
New SHS	9-12	Grades 8-12 (7:50 am to 2:20 pm) 8 th grade placement to be reviewed when former SHS is ready.	9-12

Our renovations were designed to provide the best and most equitable educational opportunities for all students and that is still our goal. We recognize that the scheduling, placement and transportation of students has a tremendous impact on Sanford's families. Our current plan is to review available options in more depth at an informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:00 PM at Sanford Junior High School**. We invite you to attend and share your feedback. Our goal is to finalize and communicate plans for September by the end of this month.

Sincerely,


Matt Nelson, Superintendent of Schools