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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are entering the final weeks of Phase I of the WIS construction project. This is truly amazing and we thank you for all your support and understanding during the past 21 months. So much has been accomplished in preparation for the students and staff to move from the old building to the new academic wing in January. It is our intention to completely vacate the old academic wing and to move into the new academic wing on **January 6, 2020**. With this goal in mind, the following paragraphs identify key dates and outline "big picture" activities planned prior to January 6, 2020.

When students and staff return from winter break on **January 2, 2020, they return to the old building for two days**. On **January 2nd and 3rd**, students will be oriented to the new building and eat lunch in their new cafeteria. It is our desire to make the transition for students from the old academic building to the new academic wing over these two days. However, we recognize this is a huge endeavor for everyone involved and ask you to continue to support our efforts by talking to your child about this unique adventure. Change can be hard for students, staff, and families.

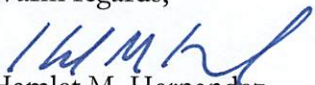
Prior to the winter break, **the District plans three half-days for WIS students only, on December 4th, 18th and 19th**. The purpose of these days is to allow time for staff to prepare their existing instructional area to be moved and establish their new instructional spaces. Additionally, and in conjunction with the professional movers, the movement of instructional and work-related materials and equipment continues throughout December. This is clearly extraordinary for everyone involved, especially the announcement of half-days for students. Because of this, the District wants you to know sooner rather than later.

In closing, the weeks ahead are shaping up to be very busy, and yes disruptive. Should it be determined that additional time is required for staff to establish their new instructional spaces we will communicate this need with ample notice. This process can be stressful but please know we are committed to providing a state-of-the-art learning environment for your child and for future generations. Together we can meet the challenge of making the move and be proud that Phase I of the project has become a special memory for all.

KEY DATES

WED. DECEMBER 4, 2019: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR WIS STUDENTS ONLY
WED. DECEMBER 18, 2019: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR WIS STUDENTS ONLY
THURS. DECEMBER 19, 2019: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR WIS STUDENTS ONLY
THURS. JANUARY 2, 2020: STUDENTS/STAFF ORIENTATION, LUNCH IN NEW BUILDING
FRI. JANUARY 3, 2020: STUDENTS/STAFF ORIENTATION, LUNCH IN NEW BUILDING
MON. JANUARY 6, 2020: STUDENTS/STAFF MOVE INTO THE NEW ACADEMIC WING

Warm regards,


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