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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today the students and staff said good-bye to the "old" WIS. It is hard to believe we arrived at this point so quickly. With your support, we have been able minimize disruption to the daily school routine while the project progressed on schedule. With the transition day of January 6, 2020, approaching rapidly, we now face perhaps the biggest challenge of the project: the actual move. There's still much more to take place prior to moving into the new academic wing but we are up for the challenge. However, we need additional time for teachers to establish their new instructional areas.

While we had hoped to accomplish this over the four early-release days, the loss of one of those days and the task of maintaining one instructional area while preparing a new instructional area means we need additional time. With January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> scheduled as days to orient students to the new building, we see an opportunity to address the need for additional by making these days early release days for students only.

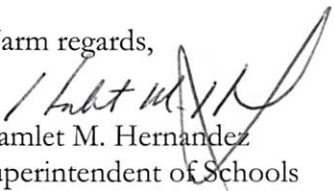
I recognize this change may be disruptive but it is necessary for our staff to have adequate time to establish their new teaching/work areas. Throughout the project, students and staff have done an incredible job, and we are confident these two additional afternoons will go a long way in making the transition smooth for everyone. A project of this magnitude is a huge undertaking and we could never have achieved it without your support. Thank you!

**KEY DATES**

**Thursday, January 2, 2020, Early Dismissal for students only**

**Friday, January 3, 2020, Early Dismissal for students only**

Warm regards,

  
Hamlet M. Hernandez  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Raeanne Reynolds, WIS Principal  
First Student