

February 16, 2007

Dear John Marshall Families,

Recently, you may have heard that changes have been made to the plan to implement the School Board's decision to close the John Marshall building. As the families directly impacted by this building closure, I want to make sure you have the most accurate information.

**I have recommended that the implementation of the School Board's decision to close the John Marshall building and the relocation of most of the programs be delayed for one year.**

When the School Board and Superintendent directed District staff to close the building, they asked that a review be conducted of the programs housed at the John Marshall building to best identify the future locations for each of the programs. After analyzing the initial data from the review, I determined that more time and information is needed. Delaying the implementation of the Board's closure decision for one year will allow the District to look at all of the programs that serve students outside the traditional school setting so that we can provide the best academic and support services possible.

You will be receiving a telephone call shortly from an Enrollment Services professional to discuss the options available to your child for the 2007-2008 school year. All programs currently offered at John Marshall will be offered for the 2007-08 school year, with the exception of the Alternative Middle School Program. If you want your child to remain in his or her current program, your child will automatically be re-enrolled for the 2007-08 school year. If you have a child in the Alternative Middle School who is currently in the eighth grade, your child will be automatically enrolled in the Alternative High School Program at John Marshall for the ninth grade, unless you choose another school. However, if you have a child in the Alternative Middle School in the sixth or seventh grade, you will need to consult with our Enrollment Services professionals to identify the best school or program for your child.

Enclosed with this letter is a fact and contact sheet. In addition, we greatly value your feedback and if you were unable to participate in our February 15, 2007 Parent Meeting, I have enclosed a form for you to provide feedback.

I am confident this decision is in the greatest interest of our students. I look forward to working with teachers, principals, students, families, and the greater community to identify the services—both academic and social—that will benefit our students and will lead them through a high school experience that truly prepares them for college and work.

Sincerely,

Carla Santorno  
Chief Academic Officer