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TO: Nathan Hale High School Community
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Re: Nathan Hale High School Modernization Project

This is an exciting time in the history of Nathan Hale High School (NHHS). The last time the main school building had any renovations was over 35 years ago. As part of the Building Excellence III Capital Bond, approved by voters in February 2007, NHHS will receive a major renovation and modernization.

The School Design Team, comprised of NHHS faculty, staff, students, parents, and members of the surrounding community, has been collaborating with design professionals for nearly a year to conceptualize the details of the project. Some of the highlights of the project include:

- A streamlined exterior façade with a distinct main entrance
- Demolition and replacement of the library
- Redesigned interior spaces to maximize academic performance (new labs, additional collaborative spaces, portables removed and replaced with permanent classroom space)
- Full modernization of each major infrastructure system (seismic, electrical, heating/cooling, windows, and data) using the latest technology
- Renovated athletic facilities

The work will be completed in phases beginning in summer 2008 and finishing by fall 2011. Because the work is to be completed in phases, it will not be necessary for NHHS to use an interim site and students will remain at the school during the project. Although some corridors may be closed at times during the school year, Seattle Public Schools will continue to offer all necessary services and amenities to NHHS students while utilizing the summer months as heavy construction periods. Seattle Public Schools is fully committed to the academic achievement, safety, and comfort of students and staff during the construction phases.

We will strive to keep the NHHS community apprised of information as it becomes available. Detailed and updated information will be accessible throughout the project on the Seattle Public Schools website (www.seattleschools.org). In addition, the Capital Projects Community Liaison, Eleanor Trainor, is always available to answer questions and can be reached at 206.252.0655 or egtrainor@seattleschools.org.