

Chief Sealth Temporary Move to Boren

What You Need to Know

May 15, 2008

Transition Timeline

- June 2008—Sealth Programs Move to Boren Building for two years.
- 2008-2010—Sealth Building is Renovated
- June 2010—Sealth Programs Move back to Sealth Building
- June 2011—Denny Middle School Moves into their New Facility adjacent to Sealth

Transportation

- We will have the same bus availability that we did during the 2007-2008 school year.
- Your student will walk to school if they live within three miles of the interim site at Boren.
- The transportation department will mail out letters concerning your student. If you would like to speak with them directly, please call 206-252-0900.
- We will have a Metro Transit representative here to answer questions regarding Metro routes prior to the end of the school year.

Chief Sealth is Moving to an Interim Site During Renovations

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate information to Chief Sealth parents and community members regarding our upcoming transition. The Chief Sealth school building will undergo major renovations. Construction will start this summer 2008 with expected completion in summer 2010. During the construction period, we will move to a temporary site very near our current location. The site is the Boren Middle School building located on the five thousand block of Delridge Way SW. Some of you may be familiar with the facility because it is the same site we held our basketball games this past season.



Seattle School District handles a number of moves each year. We are fortunate to work with such experienced facility managers and engineers. The district will move all of our furniture, curriculum, and associated materials to our new offices and classrooms. Teachers have been packing and purging as they prepare to transition. We are committed to operating as usual on the first day of school. Sealth will still offer a great academic program, and some of our programs have expanded.

The BEX III project (Denny / Sealth co-location and remodel) has been in the news and publicized over the past two years. There have been a number of community meetings up to this point. We hope you have had the opportunity to participate in some of these previous discussions and are up to date on where we are in the process. If you have further questions regarding the project, specifically, please refer to our website. If you have questions in regards to the logistics of the move from one building to another, or classroom space please contact our move coordinator and assistant principal, Angie Thomas at 206-252-8559.

What can you do to help your student with the transition?

1. **Refer to our website.** It will serve as a valuable resource throughout this transition.
2. Contact the transportation department for transportation issues.
3. Participate with your student in one of our upcoming events at the new site. Page two of this newsletter list some upcoming events and you can also refer to our website.
4. Visit our temporary facility during one of the 2008-2009 family nights. Take the opportunity to get to know the neighborhood and the building.
5. Help your student understand the big picture in regards to the school remodel. Chief Sealth will have upgrades that include technology and seismic improvements all intended to protect our students and better prepare them for career and college success.

The Interim Site Address:

Chief Sealth at Boren
5950 Delridge Way SW
Seattle, WA 98106

Current Phone: 206-252-8550 (phones will be updated June 24th)



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**[www.seattleschools.org/
schools/chiefsealth](http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/chiefsealth)**

Principal Message

A special thanks to PTSA President Mary Claire Duncan and Assistant Principal Angie Thomas, for their excellent support with our temporary move to the Boren Site. With the additional ten million dollars voted on by the school board, students, parents, community, and staff can expect to return to a significantly remodeled and upgraded Chief Sealth High School.

The Boren building will adequately support all of our programs and we are fortunate to have this facility while our school is undergoing major construction. I hope you find this newsletter and information on our website helpful as you prepare for this transition.

-John Boyd, Principal

Safety First!

Safety is our number one priority. In accordance with state law, we will help our student body adjust to the new building by way of emergency drills and class orientations. In addition we have an active security team and will continue to work with our local police department.

For the safety of our students, the Boren facility has been equipped with a modern camera and security system that will aid in monitoring the activities on or near our campus.

Delridge Community—Our Home for Two Years!

Crossing the Street

Please discuss safety precautions with your student. Delridge is a very busy street. Students must be careful as they cross this street and only cross at the light.

Library

The Delridge Library staff are excited about working with our students. Students must know the library is a safe, quiet place to read or complete school work. It is not a hang out. Security and administration will monitor our students use of this facility.



Welcome to Delridge

Stores & Restaurants

There are stores and restaurants near Boren that are eager to serve our students; however, Sealth is closed campus to all 9th grade students. We encourage students to remain on campus and participate in the school lunch program. Our lunch program offers the safest, most affordable, and most nutritious food options.

Community Resources

There are a number of organizations whom we hope to partner with. Youngstown Center, Delridge Community Center, and the local food bank. We also hope to utilize the local parks and Longfellow Creek. Visit the community website at www.dnda.org.

Upcoming News & Events

- Early Dismissal—May 21
- No School—May 26
- Spring Concert—June 5 at 7:00
- Graduation— Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 1:00PM
- Last Student Day—June 17

The following events will be held at the interim site (Boren)

- Freshmen Orientation 2008 tentative—September 2, 2008
- Welcome Back Celebration & Work Party—Late August
- Open House—October 2, 2008