

**CMUSD Academic Transformation Plan Community Meeting
Glenville High School Meeting Location
Thursday, January 7, 2010
Attendance: 244**

SCHOOL NOTES FOR MICHAEL R. WHITE

THE FOLLOWING ARE PARENT CONCERNS AT MICHAEL R. WHITE:

- Will families split if a student is not eligible for the STEM Program?
- Will the replacement of teachers and principals take place this year as a result of the CMUSD Transformation Plan?

SCHOOL NOTES FOR PATRICK HENRY SCHOOL

THE FOLLOWING ARE PARENT CONCERNS AT PATRICK HENRY SCHOOL:

- CMUSD parents are concerned about space for incoming students as a result of the CMUSD Transformation Plan?
- The Patrick Henry staff is relieved that the school is not classified as repurpose for the CMUSD Transformation Plan.
- Parents are concerned about the increased potential of gang activity with the mixing of students from different neighborhoods.
- Parents are concerned about having students from Joseph Landis and Empire merging into Patrick Henry School.

SCHOOL NOTES FOR FOREST HILL PARKWAY

THE FOLLOWING ARE PARENT CONCERNS AT FOREST HILL PARKWAY:

Parents are concerned with the following:

- change in the student-to-teacher ratio as a result of the implementation of the Transformation Plan
- FHP Teacher placement
- the reopening of enrollment to CAP Schools
- having the ability to choose their child's school

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SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOSEPH F. LANDIS

THE FOLLOWING ARE PARENT CONCERNS AT JOSEPH F. LANDIS:

- Parents are concerned about the distance students have to travel and if students will be required to travel by RTA bus under the Transformation Plan.
- Parents are concerned whether or not they will be able to express their views to CMSD School Board members and whether their will be additional board meetings scheduled to address their concerns.
- Parents are concerned about vacant school buildings due to school closures in the neighborhood.
- Parents would like to know before the beginning of the 2010-11 school year their child's school assignment early and how will students commute
- Parents believe that CMSD should provide transportation for PreK-8 children in the 44108 zip code.
- Parents should be involved in all aspects of the educational process such as selection of teachers, administrators, staff, children, and parents should transition into another school together as a family.
- Parents at Landis would like the school to remain open with the same faculty.
- Parents believe that CMSD should provide ample time for parents to grieve for the closing of Landis and work on keeping their strong academic team and community together.
- Under the Plan which schools where will teachers be relocated to and how will this be decided?
- Parents at Joseph Landis are concerned about the decline in student moral as a result of the loss of schools.
- Parents at Landis believe that an honest conversation should be given with CMSD School Board Members and Dr. Eugene Sanders regarding the issue of test scores and facilities in determining the fate of Landis and other schools affected by the Transformation Plan.
- Parents do not appreciate the lack of communication on the impact of school closings.

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SCHOOL NOTES FOR EMPIRE

THE FOLLOWING ARE PARENT CONCERNS AT EMPIRE:

- Parents are concerned about vacant buildings and maintenance issues following the implementation of the CMSD Transformation Plan.
- Parents are interested in what schools will have special education programs, and where the specialty/thematic students will be transferred.
- Parents are concerned about the logistics of closing Empire. There are no other schools in close proximity to the local neighborhood.
- Parents are concerned about overcrowding, safety, and transportation of students to other schools.

CMSD EMPIRE PARENT SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT CMSSD TRANSFORMATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- Parents recommend that the District leave Empire open for students to attend.
- The District should consider marketing the school to show the benefits of having students attend Empire.
- CMSD should restore technology in all schools and bring back magnet schools in the CMSD system.
- Empire should be renovated.
- CMSD should increase special education programs in the district and provide a charter-school option for parents in the community.

SCHOOL NOTES FOR GINN ACADEMY

THE FOLLOWING ARE PARENT CONCERNS AT GINN ACADEMY:

- Why wasn't the community notified before the plan was created and discussed with Dr. Sanders and his team?
- How will CMSD ensure that Ginn students will continue to receive an excellent educational experience the proposed merger of Glenville and Ginn Academy?

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- Why is Ginn Academy closing when there is sufficient evidence that the school is showing positive academic progress?
- What measures are being put into place by CMSD to ensure that students are prepared to pass the OGT exams?
- Is there any chance for the Transformation plan to be amended?
- How is it possible for CMSD to move more students in Glenville High School when the building is only at 35%?
- What resources are being provided by CMSD in order to make the Boys and Girls Academies successful under the Transformation Plan?
- Does CMSD have an alternative plan if the Transformation Plan does not work? What is the time frame established by CMSD to determine the success or failure of the Transformation Plan?
- Under the Transformation Plan, will there be specific criteria for the admittance of students into the Boys and Girls Academies?
- How will safety be ensured with the transfer of students from Ginn Academy to Glenville High School?
- What will happen to Ginn Academy students that are involved in sports?
- If students are considered customers under the CMSD Transformation Plan, why does it seem like the opinions of students and their input do not matter?