

**TO:** 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Schroder Parents  
**FROM:** Dr. Nancy J. McGinley  
**DATE:** January 30, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** School Redesign Transition

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Superintendent of Schools

Dear Schroder Parent:

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I am writing to follow up on my Tuesday night phone call about the County Board's January 26<sup>th</sup> decision to close five schools—Brentwood, Schroder, McClellanville, Fraser, and Charlestowne Academy—as part of the district's *School Redesign* plan. The recommendations, designed to provide your child with improved learning opportunities, will not go into effect until next year. However, in the coming days and months, we will be working with you, constituent boards, school staff and community members to prepare for a successful transition.

As part of the recommendations, current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Schroder will attend Baptist Hill high school next year as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Baptist Hill is a great school with an "Excellent" projected improvement rating on the state report card, and will offer a comprehensive program—including high school credit, Career-Technical offerings, athletic programs and Advanced Placement opportunities—to your children. We have a very successful 6-12 high school model, *School of the Arts*, in our system and will work with you to ensure a proper 7-12 design that could include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders occupying their own wing of the school and clear distinctions and boundaries between the 7-8 and 9-12 students as appropriate.

Along with this letter, I have included a "Frequently Asked Questions" page and a fact sheet on the recommendations. Please call us at 937-6303 with any questions you have; visit [www.ccsdschools.com](http://www.ccsdschools.com) for updates; or e-mail questions and suggestions to [schoolredesign@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:schoolredesign@charleston.k12.sc.us). In addition, be on the lookout for notice of a parent meeting that will be scheduled at Schroder. We will be visiting the school to meet with you, discuss next year's options, and talk about the new and improved settings your children will benefit from next year.

Our highest priority remains ensuring an excellent education for your children. I thank you again for your trust and involvement in our schools, and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools