

**TO:** Brentwood Parents  
**FROM:** Dr. Nancy J. McGinley  
**DATE:** January 30, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** School Redesign Transition

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Superintendent of Schools

**Dear 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 a Brentwood parent, your child will have a range of quality school options next year, including possibilities at the brand-new Zucker School for Math and Science, Alice Birney middle, and Morningside middle, depending on how attendance zone lines are drawn. You might also consider applying to countywide or partial magnet schools. We will work quickly with the District 4 board to define attendance zones, shape the options, and communicate with you every step of the way.

I have included a "Frequently Asked Questions" page 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 suggestions to [schoolredesign@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:schoolredesign@charleston.k12.sc.us). And be on the lookout for notice of the upcoming parent meeting that will be scheduled at Brentwood. We'd like to meet with you in person and walk you through your child's options for next year.

We are committed to working with you and your family to ensure that your child finishes the year strong and is ready for success next year. Our highest priority remains ensuring an excellent education for your child. 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