

February 17, 2009

**Dear St. James-Santee Elementary Parents:**

As part of a broader plan to improve schools and balance the budget, the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees recently approved the expansion of St. James-Santee Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year. Our school will add the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as it goes from a CD-5 to CD-6 school next year. I know that many of you were part of the community engagement process that led to this decision, and we greatly appreciate the role you played. Now, we are seeking your assistance again to ensure that we have an accurate projection of the number of students who will attend our school under this new design next year. Your fifth grader has a seat at St. James Santee, and this requires no action—but please return the below form if you do not plan on returning to St. James Santee next year.

**Lerah Lee**  
Principal

**Dr. Nancy J. McGinley**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Mrs. Terri Nichols**  
Associate Superintendent

**St. James-Santee Elementary**

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As always, we appreciate your partnership. We are confident that the addition of a sixth grade will provide our students with the extra support necessary to succeed socially, academically, and emotionally in school and beyond. Please contact me if you have further questions or comments. Together, we will ensure that our children are prepared to compete and succeed in the global society that awaits them, and I look forward to our continued collaboration around this shared goal.

Sincerely,

Lerah Lee  
Principal

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*Please cut and return by Wednesday, February 19, 2009.*

**My child, \_\_\_\_\_, will not return to St. James-Santee  
(child's name)**

**Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year. I plan to enroll my child at**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name of School)**

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_