

TO: 6th and 7th Grade McClellanville Middle Parents
FROM: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
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SUBJECT: School Redesign Transition

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Dear McClellanville Parent:

I am writing to follow up on the County Board's Monday, January 26 decision to approve the district's School Redesign recommendations. The plan's recommendations are not just about helping the district save \$5.3 million towards a projected \$28 million deficit this year—at their core, they are designed to *increase* learning opportunities and *strengthen* academic outcomes for your children.

The recommendations include moving current 6th and 7th graders to Lincoln High school as 7th and 8th graders next year. Lincoln is a school with a strong academic record, 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 and school officials to ensure a proper 7-12 design that could include 7th and 8th 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 for updates; or e-mail questions and suggestions to schoolredesign@charleston.k12.sc.us. In addition, be on the lookout for notice of a parent meeting that will be scheduled at McClellanville. 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