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Dear Members of the CMP-Capitol Campus Community,

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Jonathan Raymond, the newly-hired Superintendent of Sacramento City Unified School District. During our meeting, Superintendent Raymond stated his commitment to providing safe and equitable school facilities for all students within the District. Further, he stated that he had safety concerns regarding CMP's use of the Marshall School, and questioned our continued usage of the facility. These concerns led to an evaluation of the structure by a team of architects and structural engineers. Earlier today, SCUSD notified me of the results of the evaluation, providing new information to indicate that the building would be deemed unsafe due to conditions of unreinforced masonry. Accordingly, the SCUSD Board has directed staff to relocate the CMP-Capitol Campus to an alternate SCUSD facility. It has been communicated to me that the Board will be creating a timeline for our re-location, possibly during Winter Break. It is likely that the school will be relocated to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.

During our meeting, Superintendent Raymond accepted full responsibility for our current situation, and is aware of the resulting emotional and fiscal hardships to our community. SCUSD is working with us to address the challenges related to the relocation, with the intent to meet the new needs of our community, including students, staff and families.

SCUSD and CMP are in agreement that all students deserve to be in the safest facility possible. While we recognize that the shift in location may have an adverse impact on CMP families, the Thomas Jefferson facility will offer many amenities that Marshall Campus currently lacks, including a multi-purpose room with stage, full-use kitchen, large classrooms, large playing field, and ample drop-off and pick-up lanes, all in a residential neighborhood.

The CMP-Capitol Campus families have demonstrated their ability to come together to create a greater community. And, now, with the help of SCUSD, we look forward to our community making another facility a great learning environment for our students. As you feel able, I encourage families to, once again, lend support to the CMP-Capitol staff in creating a beautiful campus and a wonderful learning environment.

Please note that SCUSD will be holding a CMP-Capitol Campus Community Meeting in the near future. Once we are apprised of the details, we will let the families know.

Thank you for your support,

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