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Dear CMP-Capitol Campus Community,

I appreciate your communications and especially your support over the past few days. While I have met with many of you individually, I am looking forward to meeting with all of you in a community forum. Once SCUSD provides a date and time for the meeting, I will inform the entire community.

At the present time, I would like to address several questions that have been raised by members of our learning community. First, and foremost, "Is the Marshall facility safe for our children?" According to the KCRA news article, Superintendent Raymond stated that there's no imminent danger to students and the building is structurally sound. But, it doesn't meet the higher standards set by California for buildings used for educational purposes. It is the position of Superintendent Raymond that the higher standard is necessary to assure maximum safety not only for CMP students but for all students within the Sacramento City Unified School District. I support SCUSD's position and will work together with Superintendent Raymond to relocate to a facility which assures maximum safety for our students.

Another common question is, "How was the Thomas Jefferson site chosen?" Members of our facilities team had previously explored the Thomas Jefferson site along with other potential Sacramento City Unified School District facilities. These facilities were revisited in light of the current circumstance. Thomas Jefferson school was placed at the top of our list based upon:

- Proximity to the current campus
- Health of the facility
- Amenities

The question regarding SCUSD's decision to relocate us is best referred to the District. Superintendent Raymond has offered to meet with our CMP-Capitol Campus community, at which time he will further explain his recommendation and the decision of his Board. It should be noted that, Superintendent Raymond and I are discussing strategies and actions to minimize the adverse impact of this midyear relocation.

While I understand the inconvenience to our families and staff, it is vital that our words are those of encouragement rather than doubt, and our actions are ones that promote unity rather than division. Superintendent Raymond and I are in agreement that ultimately, the relocation of CMP-Capitol Campus is in the best interest of our students.

During this latest challenge, my thoughts returned to last spring when the decision had been made to move into the Marshall facility. At the time I shared that it was not about 'a building', but rather about 'building community'. Each of us grew through that experience as individuals and as part of a greater learning community. In the midst of this current situation, I see that growth continuing.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Gary Bowman