



Dear Bromwell Families,

Welcome back to the 2013-2014 school year! I am very much looking forward to seeing all of our families once again! It will be a delight to visit with you, catch up on summer fun, and most importantly, working with your children. Please don't forget the *Boo-Hoo Woo-Hoo* Parent Coffee at 8:30am on the playground on August 26th. It's a great way for all parents, new and returning to reconnect.

I would like to offer some celebratory news for the Bromwell Community. As you may know the TCAP scores were released this week, and I'm proud to inform you that Bromwell was recognized as one of the schools with the highest growth and academic achievement based on our 4th and 5th grade TCAP scores. I want to congratulate the entire Bromwell Community as it was truly a collective effort on the part of all parents, students and teachers. The scores will become available on our website in the near future.

I would also like the opportunity to keep you updated on some of the planning that is occurring thus far with the bond project. We are still very much at the preliminary stages in our planning, and working very closely with DeVita Bruce, Director of Operations Outreach and Engagement, and other key personnel from construction services. We held a meeting on August 5th and discussed some overarching goals of the renovation project with our primary focus being that every child succeeds. As a CSC we identified the following:

- ✦ Safety Issues
- ✦ Enhanced Learning Environments
- ✦ Classroom Design that Supports Instruction
- ✦ Addressing Equity Issues in Design that Affect all Children

We are now at the point to form a Design Advisory Group that will define the scope of the bond project over the course of the year. Please see the attachment on an e-mail that was sent out August 14th if you would like to apply. In addition, due to safety issues and the impact the renovation may have on the quality of our learning environment, we had a preliminary discussion about a possible relocation during the 2014-2015 school year. This decision of the relocation will warrant further in depth discussions, and approval from the Board of Education. Upon approval, Byers Elementary which is located at 150 S. Pearl is being considered. Byers is currently being renovated this year (2013-2014) and the renovations will produce a high quality learning environment, which will make an ideal temporary learning space for Bromwell students. I realize this news may yield many questions, and information that will help answer those questions will be communicated as we progress through this planning year.

Looking forward to seeing all of our Bromwell Families in the near future!

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