

# GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## NEWS

Friday, March 7, 2008

### HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL FACILITY AND RELOCATION PLAN UPDATE

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Betty J. Sternberg:

"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outpouring of support for the families and staff of Hamilton Avenue School (HAS) from the entire Greenwich Community and to express my sincere appreciation for their generosity. The staff, students and parents at each relocation site have been remarkable in their flexibility, in preparing classrooms for the HAS students, and in their warm welcome to the HAS community. We would not have been able to implement a relocation plan as comprehensive as this if not for the staff and families from our other school communities – administrators (GOSA), teachers (GEA), support staff, and parents; Town Departments, including the Greenwich Police and Fire Departments; PTA Council; and Community organizations and service providers, including the United Way, Family Centers, the Children's Day Center, the Boys and Girls Club and the Alliance. Finally, while this situation has been very difficult and the relocation of HAS is less than ideal; the administration, staff and families of Hamilton Avenue School have been incredible and I thank them for their patience, support and flexibility during this time. There are many others that have offered their support and we have yet to be able to take advantage of their kind offers – know that we so appreciate your calls and emails. I am heartened by the level of community spirit that has been generated from this difficult situation. Thank you all."

#### **Hamilton Avenue School Parent Meetings:**

Saturday, March 8, 2008 – Western Middle School Cafeteria – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**OR**

Saturday, March 8, 2008 – Western Middle School Cafeteria – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **Facilities:**

- \* **IAQ** (indoor air quality) test results received to date have been posted to the GPS Web Site. These reports indicate that the indoor air quality is at acceptable levels relative to levels external to the building.
- \* Follow up testing to identify the specific **TYPE(S) of MOLD** found are expected to be available next week (several tests with staggered culture dates).
- \* Per request from the public on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the environmental consultant has conducted tests for **FORMALDEHYDE**. These are expected to be available early next week.

#### **Hamilton Avenue School Relocation Plan – Week One: March 10-14:**

- \* Greenwich Fire Department Inspector and Greenwich Public Schools Director of Security, Tom Bobkowski, conducted walk-throughs at each of the relocation schools today.
- \* Tom Bobkowski is also working with the Greenwich Police Department to address traffic and safety concerns at the relocation schools for next week.

<b>HAS Grade</b>	<b># Sections</b>	<b>Receiving School</b>
PreK (Ingham & Daniels)	2	Old Greenwich
PreK (Wilkinson & Mackey)	2	North Street
Kindergarten	4	Glenville
Grade 1 & Grade 1/2	4	Parkway
Grade 2, Grade 3 & Grade 3/4	5	Cos Cob
Grade 4 & Grade 5	4	Western Middle School

\* ***A Relocation Plan Parent Packet*** was sent to parents on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and is also available by relocation school on the web site.

\* Each relocation school principal has provided information about the Hamilton Avenue Relocation Plan to their school community. This has and will continue to be done through letters home and/or school meetings at each relocation school site.

\* The Elementary Schools that are not relocation sites have been partnered with the relocation schools to offer support.

Partner Schools:

Western Middle School & International School at Dundee

Glenville School & North Mianus School

Parkway School & Julian Curtiss School

North Street School & International School at Dundee

Cos Cob School & Riverside School

Old Greenwich School & New Lebanon School

### **After School Programs:**

\* ***Boys & Girls Club*** – all HAS buses will stop at the Greenwich Boys & Girls Club beginning Monday.

\* ***Family Centers*** will provide after school programs for Preschool and Kindergarten at the relocation sites (Glenville, North Street, and Old Greenwich Schools)

### **Transportation:**

\* The Transportation Plan for Grade K-5 students is included in the Relocation Packets mailed home and posted to the Web site.

\* The Transportation Plan for Preschool students is nearing completion. Preschool families were contacted individually to discuss arrangements.

\* Hamilton Avenue School teachers will be at each of the HAS bus stops on Monday to assist with the transportation process.

### **Board of Education:**

\* The Board of Education's ***March 13, 2008 Work Session*** Agenda has been changed to include a public hearing, an update on the Hamilton Avenue Relocation Plan, a discussion and possible action on the Glenville Relocation. The meeting has been moved to Central Middle School and will begin at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

Updates are posted to a dedicated page on the District site daily and/or as they become available. Go to [www.greenwichschools.org](http://www.greenwichschools.org) and follow the link on the home page.

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