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Dear Families:

I am writing to invite you to attend an important meeting at our school **this Monday, March 11**, to learn more about enrollment options for next school year that our Board of Education discussed at its meeting Thursday. Monday's meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in our cafeteria.

Two of the options the board is considering would repurpose our school as a temporary middle school. Our elementary students would enroll at district schools throughout the city. Monday's meeting will discuss these options, and also possible enrollment options and choices you would have for 2019-20.

There are three main reasons the board is considering these options: to reduce enrollment at Edmund J. O'Neal Middle School of Excellence; to address the district's current budget deficit for 2019-20; and to address declining elementary enrollment at district schools on the north side of the city.

All of these options would be temporary pending the proposed long-term conversion of North Albany Academy into a 650-student middle school. That permanent new middle school would open for the 2023-24 school year if voters approve the proposal this May. Here are the options the board is considering for 2019-20. We will discuss these options in detail at Monday's meeting:

- North Albany Academy expands to serve students from prekindergarten through grade 6.
- North Albany Academy is repurposed to serve all sixth-grade students currently scheduled to attend O'Neal Middle School in the fall. All of our students currently in pre-K through grade 4 would re-enroll at other elementary schools in the district.
- North Albany Academy is repurposed to serve a smaller sixth grade that would consist only of students currently in grade 5 at North Albany and Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy. All of our students currently in pre-K through grade 4 also would re-enroll at other elementary schools in the district under this option.

You can visit www.albanyschools.org for more information. Please attend Monday's meeting. The board is very interested in hearing from you as it looks to finalize a decision in the coming weeks. The board's next full discussion of these options will be at its March 21 meeting, also here at North Albany Academy. Please plan to join us for that meeting as well.

Sincerely,

Lesley Buff
Principal