



**Arbor Hill Elementary:  
A Community School**

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**Arbor Hill Elementary School's**

**Mission:**

To stimulate and nurture the intellectual, emotional, social and physical growth of every child.

**Arbor Hill Elementary School's**

**Vision:**

At least one year of growth for one year of education.

**Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5**

Breakfast Begins ..... 8:35 a.m.  
Classes Start ..... 9:05 a.m.  
Classes End ..... 3:35 p.m.

March 11, 2019

Dear Families:

I am writing to urge you to come to an important meeting at our school **Tuesday, March 19** to learn more about enrollment changes the City School District of Albany Board of Education is considering for next school year. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

The board is considering temporary options that would reduce enrollment at Edmund J. O'Neal Middle School of Excellence for the next several years. These options could have an impact on where Arbor Hill Elementary School students attend middle school, and also could lead to expanded elementary enrollment for our school.

Here are the options we will discuss at the March 19 meeting:

- Arbor Hill Elementary expands to keep our students for sixth grade.
- Arbor Hill students and all others students scheduled to attend sixth grade at O'Neal in 2019-20 shift to North Albany Academy for sixth grade.
- Students currently in grade 5 at Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy and North Albany attend sixth grade at North Albany. Students currently in grade 5 at Arbor Hill and Sheridan Preparatory Academy continue to attend sixth grade at O'Neal.

In both the second and third option, North Albany's elementary students would be re-enrolled at other schools in the district. Our enrollment would grow in 2019-20 to welcome some of the North Albany students under those options.

You can visit [www.albanyschools.org](http://www.albanyschools.org) to read more about all of the options.

Please attend the March 19 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, which will be held at North Albany Academy.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Gaines-Harrell  
Principal