

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are sending out to you the best, most up-to-date information we can gather regarding the opening of school in New Orleans. We want you to understand that things here are still developing as families return and registration begins for the new school year.

You will notice that there have been many changes in the way schools are operated. The Orleans Parish School Board operates only 4 schools in the city. Several schools have become charter schools. Some of the charter schools have selective admission requirements, and students wishing to attend these schools will have to meet the school's admission requirements. The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education operates the remaining schools through the Recovery School District. Schools operating in the Recovery School District are operated directly by the Board of Education or through Charter Organizations. Charter schools in the Recovery School District have open admissions and any student may attend provided there is available space.

Despite these changes, we understand that all schools must continue to serve students with disabilities. Schools will provide a free appropriate public education for students in inclusive classrooms at charter schools and those operated within the Recovery School District. Pyramid staff will be available to help you get the services your child needs to succeed in school.

As the opening of school nears, we will all be starting over. Some families will remain in New Orleans, however; many more are still displaced and having to adjust to life in other cities and school districts. In fact, the majority of Pyramid families have not returned home. These families have told us that they are still trying to answer some very hard questions about housing, healthcare, and employment.

We send all our best wishes to you as you plan for your family's future. Please let us know how we can continue to support you as you strive to meet your child's educational needs.

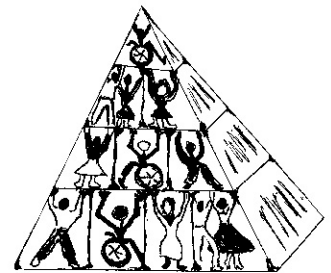
Sincerely,

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THE MISSION OF THE PYRAMID
COMMUNITY PARENT RESOURCE
CENTER IS TO STENGTHEN
COMMUNITY BY REACHING
UNDERSERVED FAMILIES OF
CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
WITH DISABILITIES WITH THE
INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND
SUPPORT THEY DESERVE, TO
ACHIEVE THEIR MAXIMUM
POTENTIAL.

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New Orleans Public School Facilities that will be reopened for the Fall of 2006

Locations Proposed for Kindergarten-Eighth Grade

Schools that are already open

Audubon Montessori	Franklin Elementary
Baduit (Bethune)	Green Middle
Banneker	Harte Elementary
Behrman Elementary	Lusher Elementary
Capdau Jr. High	Lusher Extension
Craig Elementary	McDonogh 7 Elementary
Eisenhower Elementary	Tubman Elementary
Fischer Elementary	Wright Middle

New Facilities to open for the fall of 2006

Colton Jr. High	McNair Elementary
Dibert Elementary	Nelson Elementary
Drew Elementary	New Orleans Free Elementary
Gaudet Elementary	NOCCA Live Oak Jr. High
Habans Elementary	Rabouin
Henderson Elementary	Reed Sr High K-8*
Jackson, Andrew Elementary	Rosenwald Elementary
Laurel Elementary	Tureaud Elementary
McDonogh 15 Elementary	Village De L'est Elementary
McDonogh 28 Jr. High	Wicker Elementary
McDonogh 32 Elementary	Williams, Sylvania
McDonogh 42 Elementary	

Locations Proposed for Ninth-Twelfth Grade

Schools that are already open

Allen – New Orleans Science & Math
Clark High School
Eleanor McMain Magnet
Ben Franklin High School
Edna Karr High School
McDonogh 35 Sr. High
O Perry Walker Sr. High

New Facilities to open for the fall of 2006

Alternative High School
Cohen High School
Douglass Sr. High
Fortier Sr. High (Lusher High School)
John McDonogh High School
Reed Sr. High 9-12

Alternate school sites*

Arthur Ashe; Crossman; Easton; Gentilly Terrace; Hynes; Martin Luther King; Washington, Booker T.

* These school sites are under consideration because they can accommodate greater student populations by utilizing the existing school buildings or by utilizing the site for modular buildings.

Source: Alvarez & Marsal