



## ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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*Stanley C. Smith, Interim Superintendent*

June 13, 2013

Dear Janice Dupuy and Rev. Tilton,

I am writing to follow up on the meeting that was held on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> with Deputy Superintendent Kathleen Padian regarding the status of the renovations at McDonogh 7. While we do not yet have an exact date for when your move from the Carrollton building will take place, we know that you will not be able to move in prior to your planned school opening date of August 14<sup>th</sup>.

The health, welfare and safety of our students has to be our first priority and it is the reason we recommended the move from Carrollton. Unfortunately, as Ms. Padian shared with you on Monday, the abatement of peeling lead paint and then the repainting of the entire building will take longer than originally anticipated. Although we have been making progress with many of the other necessary repairs to the facility (replacement of the chiller and the boiler, upgrades to the kitchen, changing all of the door locking hardware, maintenance to air handlers, replacement of all dry erase boards, window repair, repaving of the outdoor recreation area, installation of modular units for additional offices and classrooms, etc.) the abatement and repainting will not be completed in time for an August opening.

We realize that this is terribly inconvenient for your faculty and your parents and we hope to have a firm date for when the school can relocate by the end of next week. We will also begin some additional repairs on the Carrollton campus in the event that you will need to open school at that location and move at a later date.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stanley C. Smith  
Interim Superintendent