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Dear Whitefoord parents and guardians,

We know the last two months have been really difficult as the proposal to close Whitefoord Elementary was debated. At the community meetings, we saw and heard your passion and the wonderful attributes that make your neighborhood school so valuable to you. Last evening, the Atlanta Public Schools' Board of Education approved the proposal to close Whitefoord Elementary and rezone students from Reynoldstown to Burgess-Peterson Academy and students from Edgewood to Fred A. Toomer Elementary. These changes will go into effect in August 2017. We know you are still processing this decision and want to assure you that we also value the same things that make Whitefoord Elementary, Mr. Foster and his staff special. Even though it is difficult to see a neighborhood school close, we are dedicated to taking good care of your children and meeting the needs of all students.

In the coming weeks and months, there will be opportunities for you to join our current students, staff and families for community-building events. During this process, we want you to let us know your questions and concerns. Your input is important so that we may better support you during this transition.


As residents and principals within the Maynard Jackson cluster, we share a commitment to see our schools thrive and our students flourish. We are going to need your help. Mr. Foster has told us great things about you and your students. We are eager to meet you, hear your hopes and dreams for your students and move forward together. We, along with Mr. Foster, are committed to making this a successful transition for the students and families of Whitefoord Elementary.

Sincerely,

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