January 14, 2022

Dear Claremont Middle/ High School Community,

In November, I recommended to the Board of School Commissioners that, per the 21st Century School Buildings Plan, they approve the relocation of the Claremont/Middle High School program to its specially designed space at the shared campus with Patterson High School effective for summer 2022, and to retain the Claremont building for future use by the district.

I am writing to share that on January 11, 2022, the Board voted to approve the relocation of the Claremont Middle/ High School program effective summer 2022. This means starting in school year 2022-23, Claremont students will attend school in their new specially designed space within the Patterson High School building.

As you know this move was originally approved by the Board of School Commissioners in 2014-15 as a part of the 21st Century School Buildings Plan due to the poor conditions of the Claremont facility and to ensure that students across populations benefit from the 21st Century School Buildings Program. The vote tonight means the movement occurs when the specially designed space within the new 21st Century Patterson High School building is ready to receive Claremont students and faculty. The construction and demolition work associated with the Patterson facility will complete later this year and we are excited about what this new space will mean for students, staff and the entire Claremont community.

In the coming months, we will continue working with you to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please watch for more information about the schedule of events. For questions about the new building you can contact the 21st Century Schools Office at 443-642-4600 or visit the website at https://baltimore21stcenturyschools.org to track future meetings.

Thank you for supporting our schools and students. We look forward to working in partnership with students, families, and school communities to create a district of high-quality school programs that meets the needs of every student in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises
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Secretary, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners