

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Vanguard Collegiate Middle and Furley Elementary School Communities,

In November, I wrote to you about the district's recommendation to delay the surplus date for the Thurgood Marshall Building, where Vanguard and Furley are currently located, from school year 2022-23 to 2024-25. **On January 11, 2022, the Board voted to approve this recommendation.**

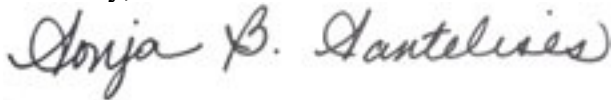
This means your school will continue to be located at the Thurgood Marshall Building through school year 2024-25.

As you know for several years, the Thurgood Marshall Building has been the temporary location for Vanguard Collegiate Middle and Furley Elementary schools. Construction projects at these two schools' permanent locations were originally expected to be complete in 2023. However, in the past legislative session, additional funding allocations were made to City Schools for these projects, allowing for the district to do a fuller renovation of the Northeast Building, the future permanent location for Vanguard Collegiate Middle; and to fully replace the Furley Elementary building. These projects are expected to complete at the end of school year 2024-25, which means both schools will need to stay located at Thurgood Marshall Building longer.

In the coming years, we will continue working with you to make the transition as smooth as possible. If you have questions about this, you can contact Angela Alvarez (adalvarez@bcps.k12.md.us) or Lindsey Anderson (leanderson@bcps.k12.md.us) in the Office of New Initiatives or by phone at 410-396-8550.

Thank you for your partnership in support of students, families, and our school communities.

Sincerely,



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