

Dear Chelsea School Community,

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Chelsea School Board of Governors recently entered into a contract with Chelsea Associates, LLC, a subsidiary of EYA Associates, a prominent local real estate developer, to sell the property on which the Chelsea School is currently located. The sale is not expected to close for at least two years, meaning we will remain in our current location through, at minimum, the end of the 2011-12 school year. Depending upon certain contingencies associated with the purchase and sale, we may remain at our current location longer. The agreement—which has been in negotiation for many months—contains many deadlines and provisions designed to minimize disruption to our school community and to ensure that we will not move while school is in session.

We will, of course, keep you informed as the process of satisfying all the requirements for the sale proceed. If for any reason our plans change or are delayed, we will notify you promptly. We will strive to make this process as transparent as possible and to involve our parents and staff in important committee work as it unfolds over the next twenty-four months. For example, we will seek constituencies' input as we select a new site for the Chelsea School.

The sale of our school property is a positive move for Chelsea School; we anticipate expanding our program and it ensures long-term financial stability. The move is intended to place Chelsea School physically closer to the two jurisdictions from which we currently draw the majority of our students: Prince George's County and the District of Columbia. Because of that, we are focusing our search for a new home in these geographic areas. Ideally, it is our goal to eventually operate Chelsea School-type programs in both locations. Nevertheless, we will continue to welcome and recruit students from all local areas.

We would like the move to place us in a modern facility that will improve our accessibility, our ability to employ innovative teaching tools, and our opportunities to diversify our educational offerings to meet every student's individual needs.

We intend to continue to provide a successful program model that meets the needs of students with language-based learning challenges. The integrity of our program model is paramount and will be the guiding force behind all decisions for the future. Our move to a new physical location will not change who we are and what you have come to know and love about our organization. We appreciate your continued kind words and unwavering support. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Tony Messina, Head of School, Chelsea School 301-585-1430 extension 319, or any member of the Board of Governors.

Best regards;

Chelsea School Board of Governors