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Dear North Atlanta Cluster Elementary and Middle School Parents,

As you may know, in May 2012 the Atlanta Board of Education developed a district-wide Redistricting and Closure Recommendation to manage forecasted enrollment changes, balance school capacity with space usage, establish sustainable attendance zones and redirect resources to improve programs for Atlanta Public School students. This plan also included the potential creation of a Sixth Grade Campus for the North Atlanta High School Cluster. After continued monitoring of student population and space needs, the district will move forward with opening this campus in the 2015-16 school year.

Beginning fall semester 2015, Atlanta Public Schools will open a Sutton Middle School Sixth Grade Campus at the previous Sutton Middle School site located at 4360 Powers Ferry Road. All SMS seventh and eighth grade students will continue to attend SMS located at 2875 Northside Drive.

The benefits of this move include expanded room for both campuses to meet the forecasted student growth and program offerings that bolster academic success and support the holistic development of our students. Furthermore, a dedicated administrative team will be located at both locations.

APS is preparing now to ensure a smooth and effective transition for all SMS students next fall. As planned, the annual course registration and scheduling process for all students will occur through spring semester 2015. Rising sixth grade students will receive schedules at their current elementary school. Rising seventh and eighth grade students will receive schedules at their current middle school. Additionally, all families will receive details over the next several months to assist in preparing for the changes and to be ready for the first day of school in August.

Our communication with you will continue through school websites in the North Atlanta Cluster. Look for the link "Sutton Campus Changes" for regular updates and information, including details on a future parent transition information meeting slated for January 2015.

Regards,

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