



To our Willowridge High School Community,

I am writing to share Fort Bend ISD's plans for Willowridge High School students and staff members for the start of the 2017-18 school year, as cleanup efforts continue at the school. We have been working very closely with Mr. Graham to make sure our staff and students are able to have a successful start to the school year with as little disruption to instruction as possible.

In order to minimize the impact on our core work of teaching and learning, and after much discussion with district and WHS leaders, we have determined that Willowridge High School students and staff members will begin the school year at Marshall High School, with transportation provided to all WHS students. Principals Thomas Graham and Alfred Holland have been working together very closely to ensure that their staff and student needs are addressed, and that all students will be able to benefit from a safe and supportive learning environment. The safety and security of our students is paramount, and both leaders are working together to create unity and camaraderie in advance of the school year.

The decision to temporarily relocate WHS students and staff to Marshall is based on several factors, including proximity, availability of space, and the positive relationships that already exist among students and staff at the two schools. Our district and campus leaders weighed several options, including facilities that are owned by FBISD and others in the community. After both principals engaged with a number of staff and community members, it solidified our belief that keeping all WHS students and staff together in the same building will provide our students and staff with the best learning environment, rather than splitting the WHS students by grade levels at other facilities or campuses. We realize this move will be a big adjustment for everyone involved, and we want you to know that we are committed to making it work for both the WHS and MHS teams.

As WHS students and staff begin school at the Marshall campus, the mold remediation and recovery process at WHS will continue with around-the-clock attention until the doors to the school reopen. Willowridge High School will reopen – sanitized, refreshed and reinvigorated. In the meantime, we will continue to update the WHS Mold Remediation webpage on a regular basis.

I also want to invite you to join us at a back to school Celebration and Community Forum at Marshall HS on Wednesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. This event will enable community members to learn more about our plans and ask questions. We will also celebrate the way in which the Marshall and Willowridge communities are partnering to best serve the needs of ALL students, so be ready to have a little fun!

Again, I appreciate your continued partnership and patience. Willowridge High School has our full attention and support, and we are looking forward to a successful 2017-18 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Dupre', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles Dupre

More info:

Please watch today's [video announcement](#), which includes comments from our MHS and WHS principals. As a reminder, you can also visit www.fortbendisd.com/whsmoldremediation for more information.