



DORA KENNEDY FRENCH IMMERSION

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of an important change impacting Dora Kennedy French Immersion School for the remainder of the school year.

One of our neighboring schools, Margaret Brent Regional Center, has been undergoing Due to persistent concerns with the HVAC system and other needed repairs, there is a need for emergency relocation of staff and students. Our Prince George's County Public Schools' Building Services department is making the necessary repairs to the heating and air conditioning system and I am sincerely grateful for their partnership in responding to our concerns. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that additional repairs will not be needed. While urgent repairs are being undertaken to avoid any further damage, the repairs are expected to take several months and the building cannot be occupied due to safety concerns.

As a result, 15 students and 15 staff members of Margaret Brent Regional Center will be relocated to Dora Kennedy French Immersion School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 academic year. Dora Kennedy French Immersion School has sufficient space to accommodate the staff and students of Margaret Brent Regional Center. Six classrooms have been identified on the second floor and are being prepared for use to support this transition. Classroom assignments were designed to minimize the transition and integration of the individual schools' academic programs. To date, all staff who need to relocate their learning zones to accommodate the move were notified. Administrators at both schools will be in constant contact with the Area 2 Office and district partners for additional support as needed.

This transition will not disrupt the instructional program for either school. The start and dismissal time for Margaret Brent Regional Center (9:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.) will remain the same. Separate transportation will also be provided to Margaret Brent Regional Center students for the duration of their time here at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

This emergency facility repair at Margaret Brent Regional Center gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our philosophy in creating equitable learning environments for diverse student groups. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at James.Spence@pgcps.org. Thank you for your continued support and helping us to welcome our new partners in this journey, the Mighty Bears of Margaret Brent Regional Center!

Sincerely,

James A. Spence, II
Principal