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Dear Madrona Families and Staff,

We are proud of our new state-of-the-art Madrona K-8 project that is nearing construction completion. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, Edmonds School District has been unable to reach an agreement with Olympic View Water & Sewer District to provide the water needed to move into the new building on schedule. We hope to resolve the water agreement with Olympic View Water & Sewer District quickly, but in the interim, we need to move forward with how to best provide a space for Madrona K-8 students, staff and families.

Due to the absence of a water agreement, the school board has made the decision to temporarily move Madrona K-8 to the former Alderwood Middle School property for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. We realize this situation is far from ideal but of the choices available to us at this point, temporarily moving to the former Alderwood Middle School is the solution that is best for our students and their learning environment, and is the most fiscally responsible.

The former Alderwood Middle School property is similar in size to Madrona K-8, providing a campus large enough to accommodate our more than 600 students. It has extensive outdoor space - including playground equipment - to provide much-needed recess and recreational space. The former Alderwood Middle School building was constructed as a junior high school in 1966 but went through major modernization in 1988, and additional modernization in 2001. Madrona Principal Kathleen Hodges, the contractor representative, and DHH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing) staff have toured the former Alderwood property with the district's Capital Projects team to identify modifications that will need to be completed to transform traditional classrooms into spaces that will work for Madrona's multi-age structure, and meet the DHH program's specialized accessibility standards.

We are working to quickly address moving details and finalize a transportation plan so that Madrona families face as little inconvenience as possible during this transitional period.

We recognize the importance of respecting our environment and incorporating nature into education; these ideals drove the design for the entire Madrona project above and below the ground. Our new Madrona school and its associated stormwater plan exceed the highest professional and environmental standards. When concerns were raised by the Olympic View Water & Sewer District, we worked quickly to internally investigate any potential issues, and also funded an independent third-party blind study of our Madrona stormwater well system. That report, by Pacific Groundwater Group, can be read in its entirety here: [Stormwater Management System Assessment Report](#)

We understand many of you will be frustrated by this news and have questions as to how and why this happened. We are also frustrated, but are determined to continue this project with the same honor and integrity we began, and are providing you with detailed information as to our design and permitting processes, and our attempts to work with Olympic View Water & Sewer District to try to understand their concerns. A detailed statement that explains Edmonds School District procedure throughout the design, permitting, and construction process can be found here: [Edmonds S.D. Madrona Stormwater Well System Process](#)

Sincerely,



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