



Longleaf School of the Arts

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Longleaf Students and Parents,

First, we would like to thank everyone in the LSA community for sharing your thoughts via email, phone calls and the Public Comment period at our recent Board Meeting. While our construction delay is not uncommon - we recognize that for some families this will be inconvenient and unsettling. This time presents an opportunity for us to come together as a community, to be flexible and creative and to work together to build solutions.

Second, we'd like to reiterate that during this challenge, we approached every possible solution with these things in mind:

- A learning environment that promotes the students' safety, comfort and success
- Preservation of the 2017-18 School Calendar and Instructional Time
- Teacher and Household Satisfaction

As promised, following is an update and summary from the July 31st Board of Directors Meeting:

- On July 14th, our Board was advised we would not be able to take possession of our new site for the start of the 2017-18 school year.
- A Response Team assembled immediately, made up of members from our Board and School Administration, along with our Realtor and Construction and Public Relations Consultants.
- We worked diligently to extend and review lease options in our current location as well as other options available to start school as scheduled with our growing enrollment.
- Due to the timing of our notice and the start of the school year, we focused on locations that were Certified for Occupancy for Education (COE), a requirement for K-12 institutions and State Funding.
- Several options were presented by our Facilities Committee with varying pros and cons along with their financial impact.
- Ultimately, based on advice from the Office of Charter Schools, we selected an option that would keep our school community together on one campus. While this will pose transportation changes for households, it allowed us to keep students and staff together and would not compromise our schedule and class offerings.
- The school year will start as scheduled on **August 23, 2017**. We will be relocating the entire school for the first semester to **9400 Forum Dr.** located in North Raleigh, with some Studio Arts Classes meeting at CC & Co Dance Complex in the same center. This is the location formerly occupied by Magellan, Endeavor, and Envision Science Academy charter schools.



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Due to these unforeseen circumstances, we would like to share the following concessions by both our Board and future landlord:

- **Departmental Fees and Student Parking Fees for the 2017-18 School Year will be waived.** Students will still be responsible for the \$50 Student Fee, Senior Dues-Class of 2018, iPad Deposit (if leasing), appropriate attire (determined by Art) and Field Trip Fees during the year. Please note, there will be ample parking for Student Drivers at the 9400 Forum location.
- **An Express Bus from 322 Chapanoke to 9400 Forum will be organized and provided by the school.** Our landlord will identify 50 parking spaces for a Park and Ride option for students that are able to drive themselves to this location.
- **Additional transportation needs and other concerns** will be considered as we gather more information from our student households. We will be sending a survey in the next few days for you to share your thoughts and concerns.
- Due to our double move - our Landlord will be picking up the cost of our move to 9400 Forum and will provide free storage of items we are acquiring for our new location, across the street from our future site.

For your convenience:

- To determine transportation options with a Google Map go to <http://bit.ly/GoogleMapsForumDr>.
- To determine bus route options go to <http://bit.ly/GoRaleighBus>.
- To sign up for the Longleaf School of the Arts PTSO sponsored Parent Carpool list, go to <http://bit.ly/LSACarpool>.
- For up-to-date information on school events go to <http://bit.ly/LSACalendar>.
- We are working on a FAQ document for commonly asked questions and will post that to the school website as soon as possible.
- Please continue to send any inquiries or suggestions to chapanokeupdates@longleafschool.com or call our Chapanoke Updates Hotline at 984.232.0303. This phone line will be open from 11:00-1:00 from August 1 - August 11. Voice mail message can be left 24-7.
- Attend a Town Hall Meeting:
 - Tuesday, August 8th – 8:00 – 9:00 am (1880 Room, Vintage Church)
 - Thursday, August 10th – 6:00 – 7:00 pm (1880 Room, Vintage Church)

We are looking forward to this school year - it will be a growing and challenging year for all of us. One we believe will be met well by our strong and creative school community.

Sabrina Francis
Chair, Board of Directors

Rachel Davis
Head of School