Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are sending out to you the best, most up-to-date information we can gather regarding the opening of school in New Orleans. We want you to understand that things here are still developing as families return and registration begins for the new school year.

You will notice that there have been many changes in the way schools are operated. The Orleans Parish School Board operates only 4 schools in the city. Several schools have become charter schools. Some of the charter schools have selective admission requirements, and students wishing to attend these schools will have to meet the school’s admission requirements. The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education operates the remaining schools through the Recovery School District. Schools operating in the Recovery School District are operated directly by the Board of Education or through Charter Organizations. Charter schools in the Recovery School District have open admissions and any student may attend provided there is available space.

Despite these changes, we understand that all schools must continue to serve students with disabilities. Schools will provide a free appropriate public education for students in inclusive classrooms at charter schools and those operated within the Recovery School District. Pyramid staff will be available to help you get the services your child needs to succeed in school.

As the opening of school nears, we will all be starting over. Some families will remain in New Orleans, however; many more are still displaced and having to adjust to life in other cities and school districts. In fact, the majority of Pyramid families have not returned home. These families have told us that they are still trying to answer some very hard questions about housing, healthcare, and employment.

We send all our best wishes to you as you plan for your family’s future. Please let us know how we can continue to support you as you strive to meet your child’s educational needs.

Sincerely,

D.J., Ursula, Karran, Lynne
& the rest of the Pyramid Staff
## New Orleans Public School Facilities that will be reopened for the Fall of 2006

### Locations Proposed for Kindergarten-Eighth Grade

**Schools that are already open**
- Audubon Montessori
- Baduit (Bethune)
- Banneker
- Behrman Elementary
- Capdau Jr. High
- Craig Elementary
- Eisenhower Elementary
- Fischer Elementary

**New Facilities to open for the fall of 2006**
- Colton Jr. High
- Dibert Elementary
- Drew Elementary
- Gaudet Elementary
- Habans Elementary
- Henderson Elementary
- Jackson, Andrew Elementary
- Laurel Elementary
- McDonogh 15 Elementary
- McDonogh 28 Jr. High
- McDonogh 32 Elementary
- McDonogh 42 Elementary

### Locations Proposed for Ninth-Twelfth Grade

**Schools that are already open**
- Allen – New Orleans Science & Math
- Clark High School
- Eleanor McMain Magnet
- Ben Franklin High School
- Edna Karr High School
- McDonogh 35 Sr. High
- O Perry Walker Sr. High

**New Facilities to open for the fall of 2006**
- Alternative High School
- Cohen High School
- Douglass Sr. High
- Fortier Sr. High (Lusher High School)
- John McDonogh High School
- Reed Sr. High 9-12

**Alternate school sites**
- Arthur Ashe; Crossman; Easton; Gentilly Terrace; Hynes; Martin Luther King; Washington, Booker T.

*These school sites are under consideration because they can accommodate greater student populations by utilizing the existing school buildings or by utilizing the site for modular buildings.*

*Source: Alvarez & Marsal*