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Dear Neighbors,

A lot has happened since our last update on the Bring Back Our School campaign to see the Santa Fe school site re-opened as a permanent community-based public school. We've outlined the highlights below. Please feel free to contact us for more information or if you have any questions!

Over the summer we launched our door-to-door campaign to spread awareness about Glenview's temporary move to Santa Fe and to begin collecting pledges of support to see Santa Fe's eventual return to a community-based school. Big thanks to all of you who have signed the pledge. You can still do so at BRINGBACKOURSCHOOL.ORG

In the fall we met with administrators at OUSD to learn that a formal proposal process would be opened up next spring (2017) to determine Santa Fe's long-term future. The approved program will go into "incubation" in fall 2017 with an intended launch in the fall of 2018 (after Glenview takes leave). We assembled an Advisory Committee of educational leaders who we will continue to work with to shape a proposal based on all of the community input we're collecting. (Please fill out our survey at BRINGBACKOURSCHOOL.ORG if you haven't already done so!)

This past winter we formed a partnership with the professors and students of ED 190 Critical Studies in Education at UC Berkeley. ED 190 is a required course for Education Minors and focuses on issues in education related to equity, identity, and power. Students must participate in a community project and we were fortunate enough to have them join our Bring Back Our School campaign. Our committee members (along with Block by Block Organizing Network) conducted a canvassing training with the ED 190 students, and in February they hit the streets of the Santa Fe, Longfellow, and Golden Gate districts to continue our door-to-door campaign.

To date, we have collected nearly 1,000 pledges of support to see the Santa Fe school site re-opened as a community-based school!

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OUSD enrollment letters were issued in March and many families from across the Santa Fe, Longfellow, and Golden Gate districts are excited to have gotten assigned to Glenview. Our committee continues to advocate for local families to take advantage of the neighborhood priority enrollment while Glenview is at Santa Fe in order to start rebuilding our community around a strong central school program. A solid commitment to enroll in a great local school highlights the demand for a permanent option. (If you are a family that selected Glenview as one of your preferences on the OUSD options form, but did not receive any of your choices -Glenview or otherwise- please let us know so that we can follow up for you.)

NEXT STEPS:

1. Over the next few months we will be uploading all of the information we've collected from the pledges of support into a database so that we can communicate with everyone more efficiently. If you can volunteer some time to help with this process, we would greatly appreciate it!

2. We will continue to collect feedback via our survey on what kind of school this community wants and needs. We also plan to hold another community visioning session this summer to report on our initial findings and gain more input.

Again, the plan is to use all of the great community input we've been collecting to inform a proposal that will be submitted to the district next spring for a permanent *new* Santa Fe program that would launch in the Fall of 2018.

Please let us know if you're interested in getting more involved in this movement and if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
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