



Rochester City School District

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Dear Families and Staff Members of the Bilingual Language and Literacy Academy,

I am writing to share some news that may affect the future of the Bilingual Language and Literacy Academy.

At this evening's Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Terry Dade is submitting the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year, which includes a plan to close the Bilingual Language and Literacy Academy at the end of this academic year.

The Board of Education is expected to vote on this at a special meeting on May 7 as part of the final budget adoption. While this proposal requires approval from the Board of Education, we felt obligated to inform you now. If this plan is approved, we will work closely with students and families to ensure appropriate placement in another District school next year.

It is critical that the District address its serious structural deficit, which is due in part to declining enrollment. One way to do this is by aligning our current enrollment with our facilities.

Though it is painful to close a program we all love, we are certain that this decision is in the best interest of ensuring every District child attends a school that offers the opportunities and supports they need to succeed.

Sincerely,

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