



January 24, 2020

Dear Families of Integrated Arts and Technology High School,

I am writing to share some news that may affect the future of Integrated Arts and Technology High School.

I am submitting a plan to close Integrated Arts and Technology High School at the end of this academic year. Under this plan, the building would re-open in September 2020 as two schools – Franklin Upper School (9-12) and Franklin Lower School (7-8). The Board of Education is expected to vote on this at its February 27 business meeting.

While this proposal requires approval from the Board of Education, I felt obligated to inform you now. Should this plan move forward, the following changes would take place, effective the 2020-2021 school year:

- Current 7th-grade students at Integrated Arts and Technology High School would be able to attend Franklin Lower School, with the addition of 7th- and 8th-grade students from other District schools. Franklin Lower School would be a junior high school, serving students in grades 7 and 8 only.
- Students currently in grades 8 through 11 would form Franklin Upper School, with the addition of students from Vanguard Collegiate High School, which would also be closing. Franklin Upper School would serve students in grades 9 – 12.

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. If this plan is approved, we will schedule a meeting with your school community to answer questions and discuss placement options in other school communities should you choose not to remain at the Franklin campus.

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

Sincerely,

Terry J. Dade
Superintendent of Schools



Enero 24, 2020

Apreciadas Familias de Integrated Arts and Technology High School,

Les escribo para compartir cierta información que podría afectar el futuro de Integrated Arts and Technology High School.

Voy a presentar un plan para cerrar a Integrated Arts and Technology High School al finalizar este año académico. Según este plan, el edificio volvería a abrir en septiembre de 2020 como dos escuelas – Franklin Upper School (9-12) y Franklin Lower School (7-8). Se espera que la Junta de Educación vote sobre este plan en su reunión de trabajo del 27 de febrero.

Aunque esta propuesta requiere aprobación de la Junta de Educación, me sentí en la obligación de informarles ahora. Si se aprueba este plan, se llevarán a cabo los siguientes cambios que se harán efectivos para el año académico 2020-2021:

- Los estudiantes actuales de 7º grado de Integrated Arts and Technology High School podrían asistir a Franklin Lower School, con la incorporación de estudiantes de 7º y 8º grado de otras escuelas del Distrito. Franklin Lower School sería un junior high school, atendiendo a estudiantes de grados 7º y 8º solamente.
- Los estudiantes actualmente en los grados 8º hasta 11º conformarían Franklin Upper School, con la incorporación de estudiantes de Vanguard Collegiate High School, que también se cerraría. Franklin Upper School atenderá a estudiantes de grados 9º – 12º.

Es esencial que el Distrito resuelva su grave déficit estructural, que se debe en parte a la disminución en el número de estudiantes matriculados. Una manera de hacer esto es ajustando el número de estudiantes registrados con la capacidad de nuestras instalaciones. Si se aprueba este plan, programaremos una reunión con su comunidad escolar para responder preguntas y dialogar sobre las diferentes alternativas para ubicación en otras comunidades escolares si elige no continuar en el campus de Franklin.

Aun cuando es doloroso cerrar un programa que todos amamos, estoy seguro de que esta decisión busca el mejor interés de su hijo, y todos los niños del Distrito para garantizar que asistan a una escuela que les ofrezca las oportunidades y el apoyo que necesitan para tener éxito.

Atentamente,

Terry J. Dade
Superintendente de Escuelas