

October 23, 2009

Dear Parents,

As many of you have heard by now, the AIM students will be moving into the Middle School/High School complex due to the AIM building being closed as a fire hazard. The decision to move the AIM School and students to the Middle School/High School was not easy. This decision will impact two schools, 460 students, and 40 staff members.

A committee made up of 12 people with various interests in the AIM program looked at 8 different options and decided to recommend the move to the Board of Education on Monday, October 20. The Board voted 7 – 0 to move the AIM program to the Middle School/High School.

After discussing four different classroom options with teaching staff it was decided that the Northeast Middle School hallway will be the best place for the AIM program. This option does displace four to six teachers and some students. The reasons for using that particular hallway are as follows:

- AIM students will be primarily in one area, four classrooms, the middle school gym, the middle school computer lab, and the Media Center.
- The students can come and go through a back door closest to their classrooms.
- There is a set of bathrooms for their use.
- The 6th grade students can be moved to the other side of the Middle School where there will be no contact with the AIM students.
- 6th grade classes will be closer together.

This is not an easy move for the AIM students and staff nor is it an easy move for the Middle School/High School students and staff but we are trying to make the transition as smooth as possible for the sake of the students.

Mrs. Royer, Mr. Sklener and I will be talking to the students in the next two weeks to hear their concerns and help them understand this decision. We will make every effort to do what is best for all students in this situation.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any one of us, Mrs. Royer, Mr. Sklener, or me by telephone or email.

Sincerely,

Sheila Pilmore,
HS/MS Principal