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Dear Carmichael Campus Families,

Only five more days, and our campus will officially be located at the La Sierra Community Center! The office is in suite 810 which is on the east side of the facility past the large lawn with the flag pole. A map has been posted on our web page for you to access, and directories of the facility are found around the La Sierra complex.

By next week we plan to begin the painting and flooring of the upper and middle school classrooms, followed shortly by the kindergarten rooms. The lower elementary teachers have been setting up their temporary spaces, and once the other rooms are completed, the work crews will begin on their permanent classrooms.

La Sierra/Carmichael Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with private contractors, have been totally renovating the classrooms. Old boiler units have been removed (if you attended high school there many years ago, those were used for heating). The walls and flooring have to then be patched. Flooring is being removed where needed, old wiring is being replaced throughout, and new heating and cooling units are being installed. Once that work is completed, we will send in contractors to do the painting and to install new flooring. The rooms are then cleaned from top to bottom. All of this must be done before the teachers are able to go in to set up the beautiful learning environments for the children. We will not have everything finished by the first day of school, but the rooms will definitely be ready to welcome the students on August 17th.

We hope you are able to stop by on the 16th anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. so the children can see their classrooms and meet their teachers. New parents to CMP will also have an orientation on Monday, August 15th at 6:00 in the campus office. Important information for the first day of school, as well as a presentation required for parent participation, will be the focus.

I know parents and students alike are anxious to learn about the classroom assignments. We are asking that parents call in beginning August 4th. Traditionally we have had this information available on

August 1st, but since that day is our first day in the new office, we are asking for a few extra days to get settled. We thank you for your patience. The student supply lists will be posted on the web page under the classroom links at that time, as well. If you are unable to access this information, please request a hard copy from the office.

The Carmichael and Central Administration staffs have been working very hard with the move. The parents and students who have been able to help us have been life-savers. Because rooms won't be completed before we have to be out of the current building, the movers have placed all boxes and furniture into "staging" rooms. Therefore, parents who are able to help us move items into the regular classrooms will be greatly needed. If you are available to assist us in any way, please contact the office.

We are all so excited about our new campus, and we are anxiously awaiting the return of the students in a few weeks. Please enjoy the remainder of your summer, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,
Ms. Kim

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