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Dear John Glenn and Southeast Academy Community,

We hope this message finds you well. Following the Board's March 24, 2025 decision to relocate Southeast Academy, we are sharing the initial transition plan to help guide and support our shared path forward. This plan reflects the collective voices and insights of our administrators, educators, students, cadets, and community members. It marks the beginning of a thoughtful, collaborative journey that we will navigate together.

We want to begin by acknowledging that this transition has brought about concern, uncertainty, and, for some, frustration. We've heard from many Southeast Academy families who are deeply invested in the culture, traditions, and unique learning environment that have made SEA special. Your voices have made it clear how much this school means to you and our students, and we want you to know: we are listening.

This transition will require all of us, including staff, students, and families, to come together with empathy and understanding. We are committed to working in partnership to ensure the values and strengths of Southeast Academy are honored and sustained, even in a new setting.

As we prepare for this next chapter, we'd like to share some of the many positive elements of the John Glenn High School community, where Southeast Academy will now be housed. Glenn is home to a diverse and engaged group of learners who benefit from Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways, Advanced Placement (AP), dual-enrollment courses that support college and career readiness. Additionally, students participate in comprehensive athletic programs and extracurricular activities.

Our educators are highly qualified and deeply committed to student success. We are proud of our Counseling Department, which is recognized as the first and only high school team in California to receive the prestigious RAMP School of Distinction Award. Our AVID program achieved a 100% college acceptance rate for its students. Glenn alumni continue to thrive at CSU and UC campuses and have been accepted to private institutions, often with scholarship support for academic or athletic excellence.

Just as importantly, Glenn places a strong emphasis on safety, belonging, and care. The staff is welcoming, compassionate, and committed to making every student feel valued and supported, which is something we know is a top priority for SEA families. We recognize this is not just a logistical move; it's an emotional and cultural shift that requires care and collaboration. We invite all members of the SEA community to lean into the leadership values that are central to the SEA experience. Traits such as integrity, loyalty, tact, and unselfishness are needed now more than ever as we work through this together.

The enclosed transition plan, website, and FAQ section are intended to answer many of the questions that have been voiced. If you have additional concerns or feedback, please don't hesitate to use the "Contact Us" feature on the website or join us at the upcoming community events and focus groups. Your voice matters, and your input will shape how we move forward.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our Southeast Academy and John Glenn families for your continued advocacy and care for our students. We are committed to building this next chapter together—with transparency, compassion, and a shared belief in the potential of every student.

With respect and appreciation,

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