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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The past year, though challenging with Covid-19, has made us evaluate the use of technology and programs, so that when we fully re-open our doors, we offer our students a different and better education than before 2021. We have been afforded an opportunity to think about change and innovation for our students, including building stronger career pathways. The Board of Education passed a resolution at the February 10, 2021 meeting for District reconfiguration of our schools. The District has submitted the application for reconfiguration to the New York State Education Department. Upon approval from the SED, the Clyde-Savannah Elementary School will house grades K-6; Clyde-Savannah Junior High School will house grades 7-9; and the Clyde-Savannah High School will house grades 10-12. The major physical change is maintaining fifth graders in the elementary building for an additional year. 7th-12th graders will remain in the same building, but the District will begin building student college and career pathways in the junior/senior high settings.

When the Savannah Elementary School (grades 5 and 6) closed in 2011, it was the intent to be able to merge both grades with the Clyde Elementary school (grades PK-4). Unfortunately, due to the available space of the building at the time, the District was not able to realize that goal. Grade 6 was added to the secondary building (7-12), resulting in a 6-8 and 9-12 program configuration. With the capital project additions at the Clyde-Savannah Elementary School, including a new gymnasium and two new Pre-K classrooms, the District was once again presented with an opportunity to consider the PreK-6 grade level configuration.

This decision was based on: the desire to provide age-appropriate education for all of our students, a review and analysis of current student achievement data, evidence-based research, and designing programming to make our school district stand out in its forward thinking and preparation of students for post-secondary employment or education by realizing our District mission “to educate, inspire, and empower our learners to unlock their potential in order to meet the challenges in an ever-changing world”. We believe the configuration will support this mission and welcome your thoughts and support as we partake in this journey for even greater excellence and success for our students.

The District will continue to work with stakeholder groups on logistics and details while we move through this process.

Sincerely,

Michael Hayden, Superintendent

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