



Date: March 10, 2010
To: California Montessori Project Community
From: Gary Bowman, CMP Executive Director
RE: Orangevale Campus Update - Coleman Site Approved

Dear CMP Families and Staff:

We are very excited to announce that earlier this week the San Juan Unified School District Board formally approved the Facilities Use Agreement between SJUSD and CMP for occupancy of the Coleman Elementary School in Orangevale. This will allow us to open our sixth campus within the CMP network, beginning in the Fall of 2010!

When the American River Campus first opened its doors in 2002, it was located in Orangevale and within close proximity to the Folsom community. Over time, the campus has slowly moved away from the Orangevale/Folsom area. Because of this, it has been a long term goal of the CMP administration to open a campus in the Orangevale/Folsom communities to serve those families once again.

The CMP - Orangevale Campus will open its doors in the 2010 - 2011 school year. Consequently, the CMP administrative team will conduct student lottery selections at the same time as the other CMP campuses (March 10th for Kindergarten and March 17th for grades 1-6).

We have already received transfer requests from current students in our network who would like to attend the Orangevale campus in the Fall. If families are still interested in transferring their student(s) to the new campus, notification must be received prior to the March 17th lottery date. Please visit the CMP Homepage at www.cacmp.org and click on the link for "CMP-Orangevale Campus Student Transfer Request".

As we prepare for the opening of our newest site, CMP's administrative team has also been diligently involved in the interviewing and selection of the founding staff for the new school. I am pleased to announce that Dorothy Hilts has been selected as the Principal at the Orangevale campus. Dorothy has been a valued member of the CMP team since our first year of operation, originally serving as a lower elementary teacher at our Shingle Springs Campus. Dorothy has also served as a CMP Governing Board Member as well as a member of the Buckeye District Board. During the past two years, Dorothy has faithfully served as the Campus Educational Specialist at both the Elk Grove and Carmichael schools.

I look forward to announcing the instructional and administrative support teams within the next few days.

Thank you for your patience as we completed negotiations with the San Juan Unified School District. Thank you to SJUSD for allowing CMP to open a third campus within the district to better serve our families. We look forward to a great 2010-2011 school year!!

Sincerely,

Gary

Gary S. Bowman
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