



# La Porte Independent School District

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Dear Parents of Bayshore Elementary Students:

As we begin the last few weeks of the 2008-2009 school year, I'd like to update you on the progress of our new Bayshore Elementary School and let you know what to expect for the 2009-2010 school year.

First, I want to thank each of you for your patience and cooperation during the time that our Bayshore students have been relocated to five different campuses. I know that the past nine months have been very difficult for many of you and that this arrangement has not always been easy. You and your children have demonstrated so much resiliency and shown such positive attitudes during an especially trying year.

As I trust you are aware, the results of the Phase 2 environmental risk analysis on the new Bayshore Elementary site have prompted us to continue construction on the facility. Dr. Ahmad Shafagi of ABS Consulting, the company that conducted the analysis, formally presented the findings of the study at the April 28 Board meeting. For those of you who would like to examine it further, the ABS Consulting presentation is available under the "Bayshore Elementary Information" link on the home page of our Web site, [www.lpisd.org](http://www.lpisd.org).

We are moving forward with the goal of having a permanent home for our Bayshore students at the start of the second semester next year. When school starts in August 2009, Bayshore children will continue at the campus they have attended this year until the new building opens. The new school, which is based on the same footprint as Heritage Elementary School, will be a state-of-the-art facility that will include the latest in technology advancements, additional safety and security enhancements, dedicated science laboratories, and more. Transportation will be provided for all Bayshore students. More information, as well as answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the school, is also available on our web site.

While the recent rains have slowed us down a little, progress on the new school continues. The majority of the foundation has been poured, and steel is going up; each day, the site looks more and more like the campus it will become. Bricks from the old Bayshore will be incorporated into archway entrances to the school foyer and library, and the cornerstone will have a place of honor near the front door. We are looking forward to including all of our Bayshore students—even this year's fifth graders—in the ribbon-cutting ceremony next year.

If you haven't seen the new site, I hope you will drive by and see how the school is beginning to take shape. We are looking forward to celebrating this new era in La Porte ISD history with our Bayshore families!

Sincerely,

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