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Resolution to Support the Consolidation of J.H.S. 57 with M.S. 385 in Building K057 in District 16 for Fall 2016

Whereas, District 16 continues to experience declines in enrollment and strategic mergers and consolidations are necessary to ensure quality education;

Whereas, M.S. 385 is a school with low enrollment that will eventually cause the school to close and it would be best to transition students sooner rather than later;

Whereas, we believe this merger will benefit the students of M.S. 385 by placing them in a higher enrollment school that will allow them to receive the quality educational services they deserve;

Whereas, the benefits of this merger would have been more clear to parents if the Department of Education had communicated this information in a more forthright and transparent way; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Department of Education should consolidate M.S. 385 with J.H.S. 57 in building K057 for the fall of 2016; and be it further

Resolved that the Department of Education should work to improve how such information is communicated to parents and improve transparency in such processes, as well as ensure the highest level of parent involvement in the consolidation process.

Resolution was passed on November 17, 2015 by a unanimous vote of 7 Yes for members present.