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Hello, this is Thomas Anderson Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools.

I want to share some key information with you about the Alma del Mar Charter School Expansion that will take place this coming Fall, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Below are key points related to the charter expansion:

- The decision to increase the number of charter seats rests with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as it is based on current law.
- I have included 2 websites that will help to provide you with more information.
- NBPS boundary decisions will be made in the coming days to determine which schools will be impacted. – the boundary or area where students live.
- Parents/students assigned to the new charter school boundary who want to opt out of their charter school assignment and remain in their current school will be able to do so through a Change of School Assignment application.
- These guidelines will be shared in the coming weeks as we are still finalizing this process.
- Decisions regarding specific schools will be made by February 8th.
- I need to point out that NO Schools will close based on this expansion.
- Also, which is typical of every school year, school assignment to staff will be revisited.
- Because of this expansion, there will be maybe a very small number of staff reassignments, which is consistent with previous years. But there will be no Layoffs for any of our staff.

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After several months to get us to this point,

- the boundary that will be defined the new Alma del Mar Charter School expansion which will be housed at the former Kempton school building will be completed by February 8th
- The neighborhood grade assignments assigning students to the new charter school will be completed by March
- Parents will be contact directly if they fit this category based on this new Boundary
- NBPS will determine a school boundary surrounding the former Kempton School building for the new Alma del Mar Charter School
- Alma del Mar Expansion school will open with students entering grades into Kindergarten , first grade, second grade and 6 grade for this coming Fall 2019 with approximately 200 students, adding additional grades each year for a maximum of 450

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- More with the process is that Alma will define boundary for those students entering in the previously mentioned grades
- Looks like there will be 2 classes of each of these selected grades: 2 classes of Kindergarten, 2 classes of first grade, 2 classes of second grade, and 2 classes of six grade for those students who will be entering in those grades this coming Fall
- There will be attention given to siblings - the younger brothers and sisters of students currently attending the NBPS and we will be able to speak with those parents directly to see if we can work with them to support their needs

- Parents who do not want the ADM charter school assignment, would be able to apply for a Change of School Assignment decision, which is also call the COSA. So, that way your student may be able to remind in your current NBPS school or possible assigned to another NBPS based on space

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- In New Bedford Pubic Schools we are committed to providing the highest quality education for all our children.
- We want to make sure that we are able to assist and address any other questions or concerns you might have about the process for this new Alma del Mar campus that will be located in the formal Kempton school building.
- Please contact your child's current principal with any questions as they can be a great resource to you and you can also call our Parent Center at (508) 997-4511 ext. 3424 with any questions that you might have.

Again, Thank you for your support in this process and your understanding