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Good Evening Members of the City Council and County Commission,Â

On behalf of Mr. James Carter, Chair of the Asheville City Board of Education, and Superintendent Dr. Gene Freeman, please see below.

During tonightâ€™s [Regular Meeting](#), important updates were made concerning our school community.Â Â

In a 4 -1 vote, the Asheville City Board of Education accepted the Asheville Primary School Study.Â And, in a 3-2 vote, the Board voted to close the school beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.Â

This means that all students that currently attend Asheville Primary School will have the opportunity to attend another ACS elementary school starting next school year.Â The four Preschool classrooms currently housed on the Asheville Primary School campus will also be relocated.Â Â

Asheville Primary School families will have the chance to select another ACS elementary school before open enrollment begins for the district in February.Â As much as possible, current Asheville Primary School students will receive their first choice school selection.Â Additional information about this process will come from Tanya Presha, Academic and Program Support Coordinator, who is over enrollment.Â Â

What makes Asheville City Schools great, isnâ€™t a building.Â Itâ€™s the staff, teachers and what weâ€™re able to offer our students.Â Regardless of which elementary school your family selects, Iâ€™m confident your child will receive a warm welcome in a loving, supportive, academically-rich environment.Â Weâ€™re fortunate that all our elementary schools offer art, music, physical education, enrichment opportunities and outstanding student support staff.Â

The Board also announced that all staff members of Asheville Primary are maintaining their employment within Asheville City Schools.Â Â Â

Please know that extra staff will be on the Asheville Primary School campus tomorrow, Tuesday, December 14th to support our students and staff as they are processing tonightâ€™s decision.Â Â

Anticipating this news will spark many questions, we will be meeting and plan to send out follow-up communications.Â

As always, if you have any questions or need additional support, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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