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Dear BCS Community,

The intersection of the recent Court of Appeals decision in favor of Bullis Charter School and the annual Proposition 39 facilities process has yielded a flurry of recent activity. I am writing to update you on recent events, and to hopefully clarify the various processes for you.

On February 1, 2012, LASD Trustees provided BCS with their preliminary facilities offer for the 2012-2013 school year. On March 1, BCS submitted its response to LASD's Preliminary offer. Our response states that the LASD offer is unacceptable and that it does not conform with the law on a variety of dimensions, including:

- 1) It offers the same facilities that were ruled legally unacceptable to a population that now includes 100+ more students.
- 2) It excludes over 2 million square feet of facilities space from consideration in its offer.

Our response to their facilities offer can be found [here](#).

The entire BCS Board is working tirelessly to secure the K-8 facilities BCS students are legally due for the coming fall, and we appreciate your confidence and support. As part of our commitment to delivering a solution for the 2012-2013 school year in as short a time frame as possible, we are pursuing a three-pronged strategy:

- 1) **Mediation:** LASD's Trustees accepted the BCS Board's offer of mediation and that process will begin during the coming week. To read recent news coverage on the mediation process click [here](#).
- 2) **Joint Discussions:** Last week, the BCS and LASD Boards have agreed to have representatives hold joint discussions. These talks are expected to help BCS and LASD understand each other's interests and help prepare for mediation. To read recent news coverage on this effort, click [here](#).
- 3) **Legal Follow-up:** BCS and LASD continue to appear before the Trial Court to resolve the court's final order for compliance with the recent October, 2011 Court of Appeals ruling in favor of BCS, which was upheld by the CA Supreme Court in January. A press release describing the ruling can be found [here](#). BCS' next filing is due March 5, and a hearing is scheduled for March 19.

All three of these activities are ongoing and, at times, simultaneous. As we continue with our work, we appreciate the support of the Appellate Court, the CA Supreme Court, the education reform community, our chartering agency SCCBOE, members of the greater Los Altos and Los Altos Hills community, and most importantly YOU, our parent community. We are honored that BCS is the school you choose for your children, and are proud of the efforts of our entire community on behalf of public school children.

Sincerely,

Ken Moore
Board Chair
Bullis Charter School