



## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT TYLER HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR**

Superintendent George Arlotto announced on May 19, 2015, that the following changes in the educational program at Tyler Heights Elementary School will be put into place for the 2015-16 school year to help partially ease overcrowding issues:

- The prekindergarten program (three classes) will move to Georgetown East Elementary School.
- Bus transportation will be provided for prekindergarten students to Georgetown East.
- In addition to bus stops throughout the community, a stop will be established near Tyler Heights to assist parents.
- The start time for classes at Georgetown East will be moved from 9:05 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. to allow additional time for parents who may have children at both schools. The start time for Tyler Heights will remain at 8:45 a.m.
- The school's four fourth-grade classes will be moved from portable classrooms to the annex building, taking over space now occupied by prekindergarten classes and an ESOL classroom.
- The school's three fifth-grade classes will be moved from portable classrooms into the main building.
- A portable bathroom building will be brought to the school to enable students in portable classrooms to have closer access to restrooms and mitigate the need to travel inside the main building for this purpose.

Several other internal adjustments will be made to maximize the utilization of available space. School and school system administrators will also continue to examine the school's needs as enrollment figures are finalized, and make additional changes as necessary.

Dr. Arlotto said there was significant discussion about also moving the kindergarten program to Georgetown East, but that space considerations at Georgetown East prevented the move. The construction of a covered walkway for students who are educated in portable classrooms at Tyler Heights was discussed, but was ruled out because it is cost prohibitive and time-constrained.

In addition, the status of the approximately 20 out-of-area students currently attending Tyler Heights was closely examined by the Division of Student Support Services. All are appropriately placed and will remain at Tyler Heights.