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*Dear Families,*

South Columbia Family School (SCFS) officially opened for the 2010-2011 school year today. I'm very excited to return, as each school year brings its own uniqueness to my life. The interior looks quite different. Why? We are UNDER CONSTRUCTION as of yesterday.

As you may know, SCFS is very fortunate. We moved into our existing facility in March of 2008. We were the fifth charter school to have our own facility. There are about 100 charter schools in Oregon. We paid off our loan in October 2009 and now we are expanding our facility.

We will be experiencing two phases of construction. The first phase is to remodel the existing facility and the second phase is to add a 1792 sq. ft. expansion. The expansion will include two classrooms, a storage room, and a bathroom.

We will do everything in our power to make the transition as smooth as possible when we reorganize and move into our newly remodeled and expanded school. At this writing, we do not have a completion date. Once both phases are completed, SCFS students will continue to work on their curriculum with their learning coaches at home, while staff takes time to move furniture, books, equipment. Students will not have to miss a day of learning.

EDUCATION PERFORMANCE TESTING is the first direct impact that construction will have on our students. We will test only **new** students this year, as we will be able to use spring scores for our returning students. Your Education Coordinators will contact you to schedule testing times. Testing will occur at Warren School on Aug. 31- Sept. 2. Look for our hot pink sign "SCFS Testing" on the exterior door facing the parking lot. You will not need to go through Warren's main entry.

Our staff motto is "Flexible is our middle name." As we undergo construction, it will be helpful to us for all of us to adopt this motto. Thank you for being a part of our SCFS family and thank you ahead of time for your patience. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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