

Invitation from MLC High School Students

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Dear MLC Community,

We are committed to creating space for healing, advocacy, and meaningful next steps for our high school students who have been deeply impacted by the recent news that PPS plans to close the high school program at MLC at the end of this year, transitioning our school from K–12 to K–8.

We know this decision has brought grief, anger, confusion, and uncertainty. Our students chose MLC because it offers something unique and life-changing. In response, they are organizing, raising their voices, and asking for the broader MLC community to stand with them.

They would like to share the following message with you:

February 11, 2026

Dear MLC community,

We are writing to you on behalf of our high school community to ask for your support. In case you have not heard, PPS has made the unfortunate decision to shut down our high school next year. As you can imagine, this has been an awful blow for our 9x12 students, who came to MLC looking for a change from their giant neighborhood high schools. MLC is a special place; we help students who are historically disadvantaged find a community in which they can grow and thrive. It is simply unacceptable to us all that they shut down our high school.

As such, we have decided to fight this decision. We are taking action to try to persuade the school board to keep our high school open and to invest in alternate models of education that focus on students who have faced oppression—particularly those who are queer, trans, bullied, neurodivergent, disabled and in need of something more small and personal. To be clear, the budget for next year has been recommended, **but still needs to be voted on by the board.** Our voices could turn the tide on this decision but only if we fight. We cordially invite you to join us in this battle for our school. If you believe that we can save *and grow* our high school and that PPS should continue to invest in MLC and alternative education, please help us by doing any/all of the following:

1. Sign [this petition](#). It shows your support for keeping the high school open. It also provides a “testimonial” section where you can tell us how MLC has helped you/what it has meant to you and/or your child. This can be filled out by anyone (parents, teachers, students, supporters, etc.). There is a QR code at the bottom of this email to the petition.
2. If you know any MLC alumni/supporters, send this email to them!
3. Get the word out! Tell your neighbors and friends and let’s amp up the support!
4. Attend a PPS school board meeting! We will be going to one tomorrow, February 12th to read a speech and appeal to the board. Bring signs and energy! For more info on meetings, click [here](#)
5. Call/email school board members. Click [here](#) to find their contact information. Our specific member is Patte Sullivan, her email is: psullivan@pps.net. You could also just email their general account at: schoolboard@pps.net
 1. [Here](#) is a template you can use to email if you’d like :)

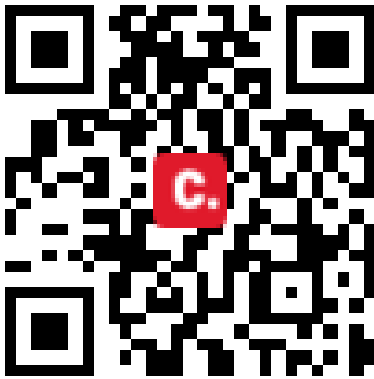
Many thanks for all your support. We got this.

In solidarity,

~MLC students and teachers

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

Petition QR Code:



You are invited to stand with our students in healing, in advocacy, and in hope.

In our building, we will continue to support our impacted students and staff. Our support team will be gathering all interested high school students and staff for a restorative circle tomorrow, 2/12, during 3rd period. This space is being offered in response to the unexpected closing of our high school program. We recognize that this news has brought up a range of emotions and questions, and we

want to provide a supportive environment where students and staff can process, reflect, and connect as a community. The circle will focus on creating space for sharing, listening, and mutual support.