PARent & ALUMNI CALL TO ACTION!

 **KEEP NORtHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN!**

 **The Issue:**

* Based on the Jacob’s Report, Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) plans to close Northwestern High School in 2016. We want to stop this closure and transform Northwestern into a school for International Studies /JROTC Academy.
* In the process, BCPS will send your kids to Forest Park High School, a low performing and troubled school.
* BCPS is treating our children like warehoused furniture, moving them around to accommodate new construction with no emphasis on the quality of instruction.
* Too many unqualified substitute teachers undermines quality education
* BCPS misguided emphasis on shiny new bricks and mortar; not the quality of education taking place inside

THE ACTION We Need You To Take:

1. **CALL and EMAIL bcps superintendent gregory thornton @ 443-984-2000;** **ngubernick@bcps.k12.md.us** **or** **cityschoolsceo@bcps.k12.md.us** **AND TELL HIM:**

“My child attends (or…“I know children who attend…”) Northwestern High School; Please stop telling people that Northwestern is closing. You are scaring away quality teachers and undermining the quality education of the children.”

1. **CONTACT SENATORS, DELEGATES, GOVERNOR, MAYOR, COUNCILMEN, MAYORAL CANDIDATES** **and Urge Them to support KEEPING NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL open.**
* **Make a Phone Call; Send a Fax; Send an Email:**

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Jack Young – 410-396-4804 Fax: 410-539-0647 Email: councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov

Mayor Rawlings-Blake – 410-396-4900 Fax: 410-576-9425

**The Message…**

“My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I urge you to stop the planned closure of Northwestern High School in Baltimore City. If we allow this closure, we do a tremendous disservice to the students, parents and the community Northwestern High serves.

It is fact that Northwestern High School is excited to become a 21st Century School. However, Baltimore City Public Schools seems to care more about the construction budget and schedule than the quality of education that our children are receiving here and now. Shiny new bricks and mortar will only get us so far. Demoralizing faculty with constant threats of school closure is undermining the quality of education our children are receiving today and sacrifices their future.

Let’s use that money to rebuild and transform Northwestern into a state-of-the art school that directly meets the needs of an increasingly multicultural Baltimore and country.

Thank you.”

* **Write a Letter:**

The Honorable Benjamin Cardin

U.S. Senate

509 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Gov. Larry Hogan

100 State Circle

Annapolis, MD 21401

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake

Office of the Mayor

250 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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House Office Building, Rm. 365

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Annapolis, MD 21401

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State Senator Catherine Pugh, District 40

Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing

11 Bladen St.

Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski

U.S. Senate

503 Hart Senate Office Building

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Delegate Jill P. Carter, District 41

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		- Mary Pat Clarke, District 14
		- James Kraft, District 1
		- Robert Curran, District 3
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		- Bill Henry, District 4
		- Sharon Green Middleton, District 6
		- Eric Costello, District 11
		- Warren Branch, District 13
		- Edward Reisinger, District 10

**Sample Letter- Cut & Paste**

(date)

**RE: Opposition to the CLOSURE OF NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL IN BALTIMORE City**

The Honorable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to urge you to stop the planned closure of Northwestern High School in Baltimore City. If we allow this closure, we do a tremendous disservice to the students and the community Northwestern High serves.

Northwestern High School students deserve to be part of a 21st Century School. Instead, current Baltimore City Public School plans, based upon the Jacob’s Report, have them being warehoused and shipped off to an inferior school in order to accommodate the City’s “new school” construction schedule. BCPS fails to recognize that shiny new bricks and mortar alone do not make a quality school. Rather, it is the quality of the instruction that takes place within those walls that is of paramount importance. For a fraction of the cost of new school construction, we can renovate and transform Northwestern High School into a city-wide academy of international studies and JROTC programs.

Celebrating its 50th year in 2016, Northwestern High School’s overall educational legacy has been one of tremendous academic achievement and its potential for providing an excellent educational experience for students in the future is strong. A diverse coalition of Northwestern High School alumni, parents, students, city officials and surrounding community members and leaders speak in one voice to request that this school NOT be designated for closure now or in the future. We ask that Dr. Gregory Thornton and the Baltimore City School Board reverse the decision for closure and give us time to demonstrate that Northwestern’s benefit to its students, community and the City of Baltimore far outweigh reasons for closure noted in the engineering consultant’s dubious report.

Sincerely,

(sign and print your name and remember to include your address)

1. **USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE…**

**KEEP BALTIMORE’S NORTHWESTERN HIGH OPEN!**

*  **@nwhslive **  **Baltimore City Public Schools**

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!!!

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