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Dear Hoover City Schools Family,

I am pleased to share the decision issued today by the Court regarding the HCS Proposed Rezoning Plan. The Court has **preliminarily approved** the proposed rezoning plan but is withholding final approval pending additional work from the school district, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF). Stated simply, the school district will **NOT** implement the proposed rezoning plan for school year 2016-2017.

The school district will develop a comprehensive plan in collaboration with the DOJ and LDF that demonstrates a path toward unitary status. The plan will address not only student assignment but all the factors that must be satisfied to achieve unitary status. The time invested this year in the proposed rezoning plan has been well spent and has given us an important framework from which to continue our progress. Please know how valuable your input has been.

In August 2016, when we return from summer vacation, the student attendance zones will remain the same as 2015-2016. During this upcoming school year, we will continue our work on rezoning and continue our focus on all children. We will keep our community fully informed regarding our progress. At this time, let's acknowledge the progress already made, accept that the proposed rezoning plan will **NOT** be implemented in August 2016, and continue our work toward unitary status.

Thank you for your input, patience, and commitment to Hoover City Schools.

Congratulations to all of our students for a year of academic progress, and, especially, to the Class of 2016!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathy L. Murphy