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Dear Parents:

After almost ten months of study and debate, on January 12, 2012 the West Islip Board of Education voted to consolidate and redistrict elementary students due to declining enrollment and the budget crisis facing our district. Specifically, the Board has determined that Paul E. Kirdahy and Westbrook Elementary schools will be closed at the end of this school year.

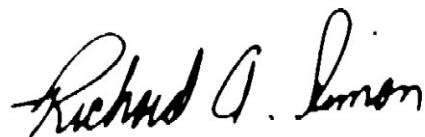
All students currently attending these schools will be reassigned to one of the remaining four elementary schools. In addition, to achieve appropriate balancing, some students who currently attend the schools that will remain open may need to be redistricted.

Over the next few months, the district administration will be working to establish the new boundary lines for the elementary schools. As soon as the process is complete, parents will receive a letter indicating their child's school assignment for next year. We anticipate this process will be completed by the end of April.

The district will also be working closely with school staff members and the PTAs to plan a comprehensive transition program for both students and parents that will include multiple opportunities to visit the schools and participate in welcome and orientation activities that will ease the transition for all.

We are committed to continuing the outstanding educational experience for West Islip students. In this spirit, we will make every effort to help families through this transition time.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Simon

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