



June 12, 2017

Dear Parents and Community members—

We wanted to provide a brief update on actions that have occurred since the MESD Board meeting last Wednesday (June 7<sup>th</sup>).

On Friday afternoon, the Manzanita Coalition, MESD Superintendent and two Board members, BCOE Deputy Superintendent, and several other parents and community members met with Steve Lambert, James Gallagher and staff, and a staff representative from Senator Jim Nielsen's office. We all shared both new and updated information with one another. At this point, it appears the timeline for Integrity House to potentially open is at least October, and maybe even closer to the beginning of the year. With continued collaboration with our local elected officials and hard work by the community, it is possible to delay that even further, or perhaps even prevent the facility from opening altogether. The group that met on Friday developed some additional strategies to pursue as we continue to move forward with this issue.

At the school level, we are in the process of gathering additional members for our Safety Committee and will be scheduling a meeting soon to discuss specific safety measures to consider if Integrity House is able to open.

Thank you to the parents and community for your support of the students and staff at Manzanita.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sanchez  
Superintendent/Principal