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Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

Maplewood Secondary School- Delayed Opening

When will the school be opened to students in grades 7, 8, and 9 to attend IN- PERSON?

On Friday, August 9, the Maplewood principal emailed that " starting on Sept 3, Maplewood will be open to all students in grades 7, 8, and 9". Then, on Friday, August 23- only 2 weeks later and less than 10 days before the first day of school-parents of Maplewood students were advised for the FIRST TIME that a possible " contingency plan" was being considered, IF the school was not going to open on September 3, 2024. This was the FIRST OFFICIAL MENTION that grade 7- 8 students might need to be bussed to a different learning location and that the grade 9 students(like my son) would be forced to attend school virtually. Then, on Wednesday, August 28- just 5 days before school was to start- the contingency plan was " activated". Parents and students have had no choice but to accept this last minute decision, without having been able to give any input or feedback, and without having had any meaningful response as to how long this contingency plan will be in place. This is NOT acceptable. Regardless of who might be at fault for this delayed opening, despite the school having been under construction since 2021, the Board must step in, take control, pull out all the stops, and get this school completed with an opening date that is as soon as possible. We demand that the Board sets and enforces a definite opening date.