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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Montgomery County Public Schools Announce Community Meetings  
Regarding Facility Plans for Blacksburg Students**

On Feb. 13, 2010, the gymnasium collapsed at Blacksburg High School. Although fortunately no one was injured, the daily schedules of students, parents, families, teachers and staff have faced upheaval as the school had to be closed for demolition and investigation into the cause of the collapse. The patience and support exhibited by everyone in our community has truly been amazing during this time of uncertainty and inconvenience.

School administrators, community leaders and many others are working closely with the School Board to plan for the 2010-2011 school year. As the safety analysis of the classroom building is not yet complete, a return to the BHS campus in the fall appears unlikely. There are currently several options under consideration for housing the approximately 1,200 BHS students and staff this coming school year. These options will be shared with the community at meetings on June 21 and 22, with the goal of making a final recommendation by July 6 for housing BHS students.

**❖ OPTIONS**

- Blacksburg Middle School (BMS) houses grades 9-12 on a traditional schedule. Old Christiansburg Middle School houses middle school students (grades 6, 7 and 8).
- Christiansburg Middle School (CMS) operates on a unified schedule with grades 6, 7 and 8 from the Christiansburg area and grades 6 and 7 from the Blacksburg attendance area.
- In addition, other options are currently under review and will be shared as feasibility evaluations are completed.

**❖ COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

- Monday, June 21, Blacksburg Middle School Auditorium, 3 and 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 22, Christiansburg Middle School Auditorium, 3 and 7 p.m.

For those who are unable to attend these meetings, comments may be sent to the School Administration Office at the address above or e-mailed to [http://forms.mcps.org/bhs\\_input.htm](http://forms.mcps.org/bhs_input.htm).