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To all Parents, Staff, and the ISD Community:

As everyone knows, our country is facing economic challenges which come in different facets and touch each of us in different ways. Now that part of the economy has arrived and has impacted our budget and the way we practice hiring at the ISD. This has affected our ability to provide summer programs, which includes Summer School and Camp Willard.

To explain how this works for all hiring practices of the ISD at this time, each position that becomes available will be required to submit to the Strategic Hiring Committee (comprised of the Governor's Office, State Budget Agency and State Personnel Department) a Strategic Hiring Request Form for pre-approval. They will determine if we are allowed to fill the position to serve our students. Their criteria are based on revenue, legal requirements of specific positions, and protection of life or property.

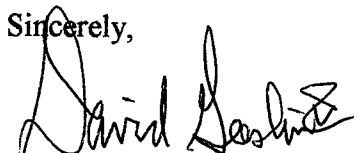
The Summer School Program and Camp Willard will be temporarily closed for the Summer 2009. The primary reasons for the closing of Summer School are regarding the budget, and also the renovation of the Alumni Hall. For Camp Willard it is budget and the strategic hiring process. We hope to open both viable programs in Summer 2010. We will know more when legislators pass the budget in the Spring 2009. Extended School Year (ESY) will continue to be provided for those students who qualified under this program.

Again, we are very grateful for having our Deaf Bilingual school for our students and the ISD community in today's economy. Our ISD staff, parents, and the ISD community are looking at our current educational environment with a different pair of eyes with appreciation of the State of Indiana's support and acknowledgment of the importance of our collaborative work for all Deaf and hard of hearing students in the State of Indiana.

We will strive to provide quality education for all our students. Nothing will stop us. The strengths of our hope and belief in our collaborative work will carry us through.

May the vision of Laurent Clerc become a reality.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Geeslin

cc: ISD School Board