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Dear Mr Clark

The Future Structure of Belmont First and Middle Schools

At the extraordinary governors meeting on Tuesday 20th November the governors of both First and Middle School discussed the future structure of the schools.

The governing bodies voted separately. First School governors voted in favour of the schools amalgamating.

Middle School governors voted against the schools amalgamating for the following reasons:

- The outstanding Middle School Ofsted report would not be valid for an amalgamated school. Prospective parents and staff would have no benchmark to judge the school.
- Year 7 will go to high schools beginning with one high school in 2009 – this would cause further challenges for an amalgamated school.
- 88% of the responses to the formal consultation were against amalgamation.
- All five externally verified awards (plus 2 pending) would be lost and would have to be reapplied for thus increasing workload.

The schools will remain as separate First and Middle Schools.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Middle School Governing Body

