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Sharon, Mark and Janet,

I have read and worked through all the thoughtful emails and points raised within them. As I shared before, the district - knowing similar information as you - was not going to add units at Grady for this school year. There are other schools with floating teachers too. It's never ideal and I will keep working on that but it's not going to change at this point for this school year for sites.

I did, however, go over this all of this again with operations to see what was possible given budget pressures and other things we could do to improve given your collective communications. To be clear though, we do not have funding in the budget to support additional portables at Grady for the 2016-17 school year.

They did still complete assessments of the existing modulars due to the expressed concerns regarding safety and technology. At this time, all the security systems are operational, and the portables are physically in good condition. The team did note some repairs and pressure washing needed—these fixes are scheduled as part of our standard Day One readiness efforts. The IT team also reports that there were a number of technology upgrades that include the portables this year including network cabling, wireless, and classroom network switches.

I know this is not the outcome you were advocating for but I will be working throughout the summer to continue to find relief for all such sites, if possible, until the permanent funded solution is in place through ESPLOST.

We should probably all connect together so we can go through all of this for a solid stop gap plan so the district can do a better job of planning for financial impacts and agree on expectations. I am slammed but things will open up in late July so I'll have my assistant be in touch on a date as soon as possible.

Regards,

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