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A Community Voice & Lower 9th Ward School Development Group

Fighting to rebuild Lawless High School at its Original Location

What: Meeting with BESE Board Member Louella Givens &
Recovery School District Superintendent John White
Re: status of the Lower Ninth Ward High and Pre K-8 schools.

Where: Dr. Martin Luther King Charter School
1617 Caffin Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Lower 9th Ward residents have been fighting for years to rebuild a high school in their neighborhood. Residents would like the school to be rebuilt on its original site and retain the name of Alfred Lawless High School in order to preserve this historic school named after a great African American educator.

The land at the Lawless High School on Law Street is vacant and ready to begin construction. In the eyes of many residents, the efforts by the RSD to relocate the school to the site of now relocated Holy Cross School would just be wasteful spending and costly delays.

A Community Voice members and members of the Lower Ninth Ward School Development Group are meeting with Superintendent John White and BESE Board Member Louella Givens to stress that they would like Lawless rebuilt at its original location. "Relocating Lawless High School to Holy Cross would mean that our recovery funds would be used to purchase land and clear land that the RSD does not own," says A Community Voice Vice-President Vanessa Gueringer. "Since the original site of Lawless High School is free and clear, the school should be rebuilt on that site. We have waited long enough for a high school to be rebuilt, and we can't afford any more delays. Lawless High School being rebuilt at its original location would support

the efforts to rebuild Lee Playground of which money has already been set aside. The high school would support the utilization of the park and that is what makes sense.”

If you have any questions, please contact, Vanessa Gueringer, Vice President/Lower 9th Ward Chair of A Community Voice and member of the Lower Ninth Ward School Development Group at (504) 296-6386.
