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**A Community Voice Rally
with Electeds and Candidates* to reopen Armstrong School
and Stop Pre-Light and After Dark Busing of Students**

**1pm
Saturday, Jan 30th
Armstrong School 5909 St. Claude**

Children travel 6 and even more hours on the bus per day to get to and from school in neighborhoods far away from their homes. A Community Voice has been working with members of the Orleans Parish School Board to reopen Armstrong School in the Lower 9th Ward to accommodate the over 500-student wait list at MLK Elementary School in the Lower 9th Ward.

A Community Voice :

- An end to **bus stops waits with no shelters** for children that start **before light and end after dark, in blighted and crime ridden areas.**
- That the City provide a school for the current and future **1300* families/residents**, especially due to a consequence of high building activities from: *Perez (297 units), Make it Right (200), city/federal programs (100), other nonprofit actions (100), the consistent number of returning families (300), and the will of parents who were former residents of the lower 9 who wish their children to attend school in the lower 9th ward (300).
- an end to the One-App forced busing of students that replaces slots at local schools with children from other areas, most who wish to attend school in their own areas.
- the beginning of a "neighborhood children based" school devoted to the music and culture of the lower 9th ward, and Louis Armstrong.

Invited: Sheriff Marlin Gusman, Congressman Richmond, Mayor Landrieu, City Councilmembers At Large Jason Williams, Stacy Head and District E James Gray, School Board Members John Brown and Nolan Marshall, State Senator JP Morrell, State Reps Austin Badon, Jimmy Harris and Joe Bouie, as well as candidates for office in the Dem. Party election March, 2016.