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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.