November 2, 2017

Dear Académie Lafayette Families,

On behalf of the Académie Lafayette Board of Directors and school administration, we would like to thank you for your patience and support as we work on the implementation of our K-12 Growth Plan.

Last February, we presented the expansion plans for our school that included increasing enrollment in the lower grades and providing a college preparatory, International Baccalaureate high school. Based on budget projections, it was ultimately determined that the best path to achieve our expansion goals was to complete our expansion plan in two phases:

- **Phase 1**: Expand our K-8 program to provide more quality education options for Kansas City and attracting a student applicant pool that reflects the diversity of Kansas City, MO.
- **Phase 2**: Add an International Baccalaureate high school

We are excited to announce that we have finalized the purchase of a building at 201 E. Armour, which was the former Derrick Thomas Academy. This building provides enough space to accommodate up to 900 students at full capacity. Our new "Armour Campus" will accommodate our K-8 expansion and ensures adequate facilities for a future high school. The new Armour Campus is also only a block away from our Cherry Campus.

We are also pleased to inform you that we will receive a $1.5 million grant from SchoolSmartKC to fund the K-8 expansion. We also have secured $790,000 so far in additional funding from Kansas City foundations for the K-8 expansion.

Beginning in August 2018, we will welcome three additional kindergarten classes, or 66 more kindergartners, which will establish a solid base for our future growth. While Phase 2 remains a priority, we have no implementation date at this time due to reductions in public funding for charter schools and the need for private fundraising to address operational shortfalls. As we stated in our K-12 Growth Plan presentation, the costs of operating a high school are significant. Now that we have secured the building, the next step for school leadership is to ensure proper funding for the operation of a high school.

We are excited about the opportunity to welcome more students to Académie Lafayette to achieve our mission to educate the children of Kansas City to become globally minded, locally active, critical thinkers through immersion in world languages and cultures.
Timetable for K-8 Expansion:

**Phase 1:**
- October 2017: Purchased 201 East Armour, a 90,000 square foot former school building, the "Armour Campus".
- February 2018: Renovations (new roof, heating and cooling, etc.) at the new building are scheduled to begin.
- February 2018: Decisions on how to configure Cherry and Oak campuses to accommodate additional students will be made.
- August 2018: Three new kindergarten classes (66 students) will be added.
- August 2018: Reconfigured buildings are scheduled to open.

**Phase 2:**
- High school option will move forward as soon as funding is secured. No definite start date at this time.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school!

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