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Dear Parent:

As the school year begins to wind down, we felt that it was an opportune time to bring you up to date, as well as outline what will be taking place over the summer months, with regard to the joint review underway by LaSalle Institute and CBA. You may recall from our previous communication, representatives from the boards of both schools have been meeting to explore opportunities for the schools to work together, and will, as part of that process, study the potential for a consolidation into one school.

This review will include a thorough examination of supportive data obtained from independent consultants. The decision by both boards to conduct a transparent process has, we believe, resulted in minimal rumor and speculation, and has allowed the review to proceed without delay. We want to reiterate that no decision regarding a consolidation has been made, nor will it be made until the board of each school has studied and evaluated the data and findings from this joint review, including a comprehensive dialogue with parents.

In these tough economic times, finances are obviously vitally important. As such, a thorough financial analysis of both schools is being conducted in conjunction with an operational and physical plant analysis of both campuses by Platform Audit Group. The results of that study will be reviewed by each board in late June, and will be followed by Town Hall meetings with our respective school communities.

In addition to studying the financial aspects of a possible consolidation, your input is crucial to our decision. To gather this input, we have retained Fact Finders, Inc., an independent survey research firm located in Albany. Fact Finders will conduct a survey of all parents from both schools. An invitation to participate in the online survey will be emailed to you in late July or early August. Parents may complete the survey together or separately. As parents, your insights, opinions, thoughts, concerns, and ideas are vitally important to both schools. All survey responses will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research purposes only.

The survey will ask your opinion specifically about both schools, your experience at our school, and your perceptions of the advantages and/or disadvantages of combining the schools' resources. Your input is critical to this process, and we ask that every parent participate in the survey.

After these steps are completed, LaSalle and CBA will review all the information that has been gathered and compile a written report which will be distributed to you. We will then organize Town Hall meetings that will allow you to share your feelings and opinions on these findings.

We have stated in our previous correspondence to you, we have faith in our collective mission and faith in those we charge with providing us with the information and analysis we seek. We will continue to gather and analyze as much information as possible so that our decisions are informed ones—and in the best interest of the families we serve and will serve in the future.

Sincerely,

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