

## Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends:

Greetings! Anticipating the beginning of a new school year, I take this opportunity to first welcome all of you. For many, it is a greeting extended to old friends; to others, it is an invitation and an introduction. To all, it constitutes a pledge of continued efforts and the opportunity to write a new chapter in the lives of our youth. As the second decade of this millennium unfolds, providing the best education for our students is not an option, but a commitment.

WMST Public Charter High School's success rests, in large measure, on the effectiveness of the schools learning environment. The District of Columbia Public Charter Schools are well into the process of developing a new generation of schools. During the past ten years we have been rebuilding, renovating and replacing our school facilities in order to meet the optimal programmatic and facility conditions which underlie, support and promote success for our children. In alignment with that vision, WMST moved from "The Blue Castle" in 2006, and acquired 1920 Bladensburg Road, N.E. as an upgrade facility for our students. This facility allowed for expansion and growth.

As predicted, our student population has continued to grow. WMST currently provides educational opportunities for 345 students with a waiting list of students who are attracted by our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program (STEM). At this point, we have outgrown our capacity, which has created a need to expand our facility and services to accommodate your demand.

Therefore, WMST under consultation and direction of the Board of Trustees, we recently initiated the process to begin the due diligence associated with the marketing and sale of our current facility, and the acquisition of a new building. There is a structured marketing and search in place. We will consider locations which we believe will provide greater safety, convenience and better access to goods, services and enhanced opportunities for all students.

Please be assured that the marketing and sale efforts will not cause any disruption to our daily operations and will not impact academic learning time. We will keep you informed throughout the process.

Cordially,

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