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Dear Rick and Scott:

The Board of Trustees of Chavez Schools has been contemplating the redesign of the Chavez Schools network as we strive to achieve our founding mission – to prepare students to succeed in competitive colleges and to empower them to use public policy to create a more just, free, and equal world. We write to inform you of our planned reconfiguration of the Chavez Schools network.

We will close Parkside Middle at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, per the DC PCSB mandate at the network's 20-year review in December 2017. During the 2019-2020 school year, we will serve the last class of 8th graders at this middle school campus.

We will better serve our students by consolidating Capitol Hill High School with Parkside High School at the end of the current school year (SY 2018-19) due to the declining enrollment of the Capitol Hill campus and the ample space at our owned and modern Parkside facility. We have space to enroll all current Capitol Hill students for the 2019-2020 school year; these students have "transfer preference" in the public school lottery for this campus.

We will close Chavez Prep Middle School at the end of the current school year (SY 2018-19) due to declining enrollment that leaves the facility significantly under-utilized and unaffordable given the level of operating expenses, which include financing costs covering \$10.8M of improvements Chavez made to the Prep facility over ten years ago. We understand that closing Chavez Prep Middle School will reduce our enrollment ceiling by 235 students to 1,085 by SY 2020-21 and beyond.

We look forward to investing in our Parkside campus, located at 3701 Hayes Street, NE. We believe that we can lift Parkside High School into a Tier 1 high school. In addition, we plan to re-envision the campus and enroll sixth graders in the future along with our high schoolers. We will expand one grade per year to fulfill our vision of offering a premier, public policy-focused, single campus 6-12th grade institution for the youth of Washington, DC.

It is our understanding that these actions do not require PCSB approval; however, we wanted to inform you of them before making the announcement to our stakeholders (including the OSSE, My School DC, and ANCs) early next week, in advance of the February 1 lottery.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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