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Please find below the August board update for the 2014-2015 school year.

Summer Professional Development

We had a very productive summer of training our teachers. New teachers arrived July 9 and returning teachers arrived July 16. The staff worked from 8-5 each day, participating in teacher training sessions, collaborating on lesson plans, developing and refining classroom systems and other things to be ready to serve families on Day 1.

Summer Camp

MTR camp was very successful. Attendance averaged around 50 children, a significant increase over last year. We will be looking at reading levels and assessment scores to see how the academic growth compares to students who did not attend camp. We are very grateful to MTR for their work with our children.

School Opening

We have enjoyed an exciting and smooth opening to the 2014-2015 school year. We hugged and welcomed back students and parents on August 4 and made some new friends with students attending our school for the first time.

Prek

Porter Leath won the Head Start application, so they will be our partner again this year for prek. Our kindergarten teachers have already noticed the huge difference in the reading, writing and social skills of students who attended our prek last year compared to those who did not.

Lester Prep

The middle school is off to a great start. The staff has done a great job of beginning to build relationships with parents and Scholars and have also worked hard this week to show Scholars what it means to be the inaugural class of Lester Prep.

Enrollment

Parents continue to enroll children, with more than 50 children enrolling after Registration day. It is too early to determine where our total enrollment will be, thought it seems hitting our enrollment target will be difficult. We will review these numbers during our September board meeting, as some parents do not enroll until after Labor Day.

Year-End Results and Growth Plans

The state will be releasing individual school results in the next 10 days. After they are public, we will send home a note to parents celebrating the success of their children and the entire school on TCAP.