



Here is the monthly board update for October, 2014.

Secretary Arne Duncan Visit

The visit by Secretary Duncan was a huge success. We were honored that he would select our school for his school visit in Memphis. Parents, students and faculty were all encouraged by his presence.

Expansion

ASD officials are working with SCS leaders and the advisory council to begin the school matching process. Communication will soon begin with those schools on the Priority School list that are selected to be part of this year's matching process. After that communication, public release of the schools as well community meetings will take place. This could be as early as October 16.

Volunteers and Donors

We are thankful that we will have volunteers from the Grizzly Foundation, Briarcrest High School and Christ Church who will come serve at our campus during the month of October. We were grateful to receive a donation of 30 ipads to be used in our 3 kindergarten classrooms.

Parents

We had a very strong turnout for parent teacher conferences last month. This, along with Title I and ESL parent meetings have been great opportunities to share information and build relationships with parents.

Here is part of a note from one of our parents at Lester Prep: "I thank God for every staff member at Lester Prep. You have made a great difference in my child's life in a small amount of time. I think you guys are wonderful..." Another Cornerstone Prep parent said "I tell all my friends that I really believe my child is getting an education that rivals any private school."

Health Care

We are working through our health care renewal for 2015 and early indications are that premiums will be substantially higher next year. Overall medical costs are increasing across the country and our specific experience will mean our costs will be higher next year.

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