



Please find below the December board update for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Professional Development**

January 3-5 will be three full days of professional development for all three schools. The days will consist of professional development, planning, collaboration and other practice and work devised to increase the skills and knowledge of teachers at all three schools. No students will be on campus.

### **Special Recognition**

Lester Prep was recognized as being the only school in the ASD to receive a TVAAS 5, the highest score possible, in every subject based on the 2016-2017 TN Ready results.

In addition, Lester Prep was recently awarded \$125,000 as part of the “Tennessee High-Quality Charter Schools Act.” Lester Prep was eligible to apply for this funding based on the 2016-17 results of TN Ready. The facility grant will provide funds to be used to improve the building aesthetics. The plan will include renovated halls, classroom walls, bathrooms, entry way and common spaces. The work is currently in approval stages with SCS and will begin as soon as possible.

### **Staffing**

We are in the process of providing mid-year feedback to our staff as we all as participating in a career reflection process. Each school leader will meet with every staff member before the holiday break to hear the staff member’s career aspirations as well as thoughts for the next school year. The principals take that feedback, along with the evaluations and input from the coaches, leaders and the CMO to determine the staff for the upcoming school year.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Our Lester Campus hosted the annual Cornerstone Prep Literacy night, a night filled with reading, writing, and discussions about books. Parents, scholars and teachers shared stories about great adventures and captivating novels and celebrated their love of reading. Each scholar received a new National Geographic book for their home and grew in their love of reading!

The Lester Campus hosted an incredible English as a Second Language Family Night earlier this year. It was a fun, festive night of celebrating our ESL students and their families. The kindergarten and first graders sang a song including words in many different languages for “Hello.” The second through fifth graders performed a play about friendship, respect and kindness. The sixth through eighth graders performed the song, “Lean on Me.” It was a great opportunity for our students to build their confidence and shine. We had several different families bring foods from their country and culture.

The MGM Binghampton Bulldogs football is a group of CPL 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who play football in the neighborhood. With a score of 24-6 in their final game, the MGM Binghampton Bulldogs football team won the championship.