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To the Board of Directors of Family Foundations Academy Charter School:

It would be easy to assume that, following the announcement of the leave of absence of Dr. Tennell Brewington, the staff and faculty of the middle school would be unable to maintain a positive attitude and whole-heartedly continue the mission of educating students. Yet, this could not be farther from the truth. In fact, the announcement of Dr. Brewington's leave of absence caused no disruption in the operation of the middle school and did not appear to negatively affect the staff, faculty, and students in any discernible way.

The teaching staff and administrators of the middle school are a diligent, committed group of professionals who always hold the education and well-being of their students as their number one priority. The high level of collegial support and camaraderie in the middle school may not be unique to Family Foundations Academy, but is always in evidence when peers interact. The overall school climate continues to be positive, energetic, and even joyful at times. Teachers and staff give witness to the fact that they enjoy their colleagues, and students, and students continue to do what young people do - discover their own identities while moving towards high school and the future schooling or occupations that that move implies.

Extra-curricular school activities continue to flourish. Students have recently attended "Macbeth" at the University of Delaware, and attended a Model UN conference at Salesianum High School. Other students are preparing for the State Science Olympiad and Odyssey of the Mind competitions, taking entrance exams at The Charter School of Wilmington, interviewing at Conrad School of Math and Science, and still others are participating in math league competitions, and playing basketball at the West End Neighborhood House, and ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at the neighborhood shopping center. We have not missed a beat.

The show must go on, and it does, with gusto!

Sincerely,

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