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Re: Board Communication

To: Families of STRIDE

Good Afternoon STRIDE Families,

As we begin the New Year we want to update you on our efforts to secure a charter renewal with our authorizer, Friends of Education, for the coming years.

We have engaged in these steps thus far:

- STRIDE Academy has contracted with a Literacy and Assessment Consultant to provide feedback and support.
- STRIDE Academy Board has approved a purchase of approximately 7000 books to be distributed in our reading classrooms from K – 8th grades.
- All students in grades K – 8 are working on their reading stamina in their reading classes. The goal will be for ALL students to have 30 minutes of Silent Sustained Reading by the end of the school year. Teachers are modeling and guiding students to become proficient silent sustained readers.
- Margaux Hylla, Literacy Director, has created a training for parents that provides strategies on how to listen to readers and guide questioning. She has provided this training to a few parents. She will continue to provide opportunities for training. This will allow for parents to volunteer at STRIDE and read with students.
- Students in K – 8th grade will participate in a reading assessment which will provide information related to reading fluency and reading comprehension. This will provide students, staff, and parents reading level information.
- All students in 3rd – 8th grades have completed either the online MCA math practice test or the OLPA online math test. This data will be used to support student immediate needs for this school year and increase each student's level of math achievement.

- STRIDE Academy has engaged with Legal Counsel along with a Leadership and Operational Consultant to provide support and guidance.
- Friends of Education has hired Class Measures, an outside educational team, to conduct a review of the school on January 25th and 26th. This review team will be evaluating all aspects of the school and provide feedback regarding what is working well along, with recommendations for next steps to aid in the improvement of STRIDE Academy.
- Parents – please complete the Executive Director survey this week.
- The STRIDE Academy Board plans to emphasize on preparing for the informal hearing at the Board Retreat on February 4th and will use the feedback and recommendations from Class Measures to aid in preparations.

The Board and Administration appreciate your support and trust as we do the necessary work to prepare for the hearing. If you have any ideas or questions – please bring them to either myself or our Board Chair.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



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