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To Whom It May Concern,

Perseverance Preparatory School has made incredible strides during the planning year of 2018-2019. From facilities, to enrollment, to curriculum and instruction our community and team has really come together to ensure a strong and successful start to the school.

We have been able to sign a fully executed lease with Grace Baptist church in our target area as of March 27, 2019.

Our recruitment is in full swing with multiple information sessions held at local elementary schools, libraries, and churches. Through our outreach efforts we have 117 students who are interested in enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. We began enrolling students in mid-April and will continue to collect enrollment packets throughout the summer. As parent relationships are part of our core tenets, we have also begun to visit individually with parents to meet their children and the families prior to the start of the school year. As the weather warms and we have access to the building we will occupy, we are planning a school beautification day to take place in mid-May and a Perseverance Prep BBQ to occur in mid-July.

We have both our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade self-contained teachers who are fully onboard. Our office manager is also fully hired and we are looking to onboard her in mid-June. We have an offer letter extended to a Special Education teacher, and will likely hear within the week. We have only one other position to hire for—a teacher's aide.

In order to have the strongest start to the school year, our professional development will begin July 25<sup>th</sup> almost three weeks prior to our students' first day of school. During our professional development we will lay the foundation for not only our academic expectations of students, but also co-create and build the culture of the school. During this time teachers will also have opportunities to conduct home-visits and outreach to get students and families excited about the start of the school year.

Our curriculum has been chosen and much of it has been ordered. Once we have full access to our space in May we will order the remainder of the curriculum as we will have a place to store it.

We look forward to the strong start to the school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions.

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