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Dear SELECT Academy Parents/Guardians:

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, during a parent meeting, we announced our plans to move SELECT Academy to our PAC Academy facility, located at 28 Burnet St. At this meeting, we discussed the benefits of this move. Throughout my Learn, Look, and Listen Tour many parents, staff and students, expressed their concerns regarding the confines of the SELECT ACADEMY facility.

The addition of new grades at SELECT Academy for the 19-20 SY (K-8) has led to challenges; mainly, space and resources. Our decision to relocate our scholars to an adequate facility that will enhance and accommodate their needs as learners, was driven by our mission and commitment to ensure all of them graduate high school prepared for college, careers, and life in the 21st Century.

As a result of this move, our scholars at SELECT will be able to:

- Take physical education classes in a gymnasium, while having greater access to Visual and Performing Arts and Technology classes (Dance, Vocal Music, Theater Arts, Computer Technology).
- Participate in special events in the school's auditorium (motivational speakers, 8th grade graduation, theatre productions, etc.).
- Enjoy breakfast and lunch in the school's cafeteria.
- Have access to larger classrooms that provide adequate space for learning.
- Join sports teams and other after-school activities.
- Visit and partner with Newark's stellar educational, corporate, and cultural institutions (i.e. Rutgers, the Newark Museum, Audible, NJIT)- all in walking distance from the school.
- Continue to benefit from Single Gender classes in Grades 3-8 or transition to Multi-Gender classes.

Principal John Gamble will transition to a new role within the Superintendent's Office. Your scholars will benefit from the phenomenal leadership of our PAC Academy Principal, Genique Hamilton.

In the coming months, we will host a variety of events to acclimate you and your scholar to the facility. Moreover, Principal Hamilton and her team will host orientations and other events. We welcome any input you may have about this change and invite you to join us in planning a smooth transition for SELECT scholars.

Feel free to email me at SuperintendentGregory@mptcs.org, if you have any questions or recommendations. I look forward to seeing you and your scholar at upcoming events.

Regards,

A. Robert Gregory
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