



# New City School

A Public Charter K-8 School

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Dear New City School Friends, Families, Students, Staff, Board and Partners,

As we prepare for the first days of the 2014-15 school year, we want to update you on the progress of our efforts to expand and/or possible relocation of New City School to serve more students—a project that began nearly three years ago when Mr. Jit began laying the groundwork in light of a growing waiting list and demand. Now, because of New City's success with students' learning and achievement, our waiting list is longer than ever and the need for more space has intensified.

A year ago a realtor was hired to bring his significant experience and insight to the process of developing a plan with the church to build on this site, finding a different nearby building that could accommodate our expansion, or finding a nearby site suitable for building a school. Mr. Jit has been involved in ongoing conversations with our representative and with other essential stakeholders doing everything in his power to move things forward. While we believe that ongoing searches in the community and negotiations with the archdiocese and St. Cyril's are likely to lead to an expansion, no plan has been solidified as of this letter.

Any expansion of facilities or program has to be sanctioned by The Minnesota Department of Education. MDE's requirements and timelines for evaluation and decision-making are fairly inflexible and require patience. We are currently in the process of getting MDE approval for use of a second site and will inform you as soon as a clear plan for action takes shape.

We thank you for your interest in this project and for your ongoing support of our small school. Please know that we are doing everything we can to get to a point where New City School can serve more students and where we have the facilities we know we need to optimize learning. Please rest assured that while we are adamant about expanding our facilities and the number of students we serve, we understand that New City's success is rooted in the connectedness of its small community and will carefully preserve that quality in any expansion.

Sincerely,

Todd Bartholomay, Principal

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