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Dear CWC-Kansas City Staff and Families,

Ten years ago, Citizens of the World-Kansas City and Citizens of the World Charter Schools came together to build a school that reflected the diversity, energy, and aspirations of Kansas City families. Together, we've created a joyful, inclusive community that our students are proud to call home.

We would like to share an important update regarding the future of our partnership.

Today, the CWC-Kansas City Board is scheduled to vote to non-renew the school's partnership with CWC National, concluding our formal partnership at the end of the 2025–26 school year. **Beginning in the 2026–27 school year, CWC-Kansas City will become a fully independent, locally governed charter school no longer affiliated with CWC National**, carrying forward everything that makes our community strong and building on the foundation we have created together.

Why This Decision

This decision represents the natural next step in a decade of collaboration and growth. Together, we have built a strong, stable school with deep local roots, a talented team, and a thriving community that reflects the best of Kansas City.

With the purchase of its own campus this year, CWC-Kansas City's leadership and Board are ready to take the next step—growing as a fully independent school rooted in Kansas City's future. For CWC National, this transition provides the opportunity to focus more intentionally on advancing our impact at the national level.

What This Means for You

During the 2025-2026 school year, nothing about our school experience will change for staff and families. The same leadership, teachers, and programs that make CWC-Kansas City such a special community will continue without interruption through June 30, 2026. Additionally, CWC National will continue to provide data analysis, professional development for staff and leaders, and other services through the end of

the school year. Classrooms will remain joyful, rigorous, and engaging, and the strong relationships at the heart of our school will continue to thrive.

The transition will unfold gradually and thoughtfully, guided by a planning process that keeps our staff, students, and families at the center of every decision. We understand that this news may raise questions, and we will continue to provide a space for discussion and updates as they become available.

Looking Ahead

This transition will open the door to exciting new opportunities for community engagement and local leadership. Starting in December, CWC-Kansas City will launch a community-based process to rename the school and shape its vision for the next decade. Staff and families will play a central role in that process. CWC-Kansas City's Executive Director, Dr. Miles, will share more details soon about how to get involved, as this next chapter will be written together.

Our Shared Commitment

Both organizations are committed to a collaborative and seamless transition that honors the work of the past decade and ensures that the 2025-2026 school year is CWC-Kansas City's best yet.

We are deeply grateful to each of you for the dedication, joy, and commitment you bring to our community every day. Your work is the heart of this school and the reason we are ready for this next chapter.

With appreciation and respect,



Dr. Danielle Miles
Executive Director, CWC-Kansas City



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