

April 17, 2018

**Chief Executive Officer**

Eric S. Gordon

**Board of Education**

Anne E. Bingham  
Board Chair

Robert M. Heard, Sr.  
Vice Chair

Louise P. Dempsey, Esq.  
Jasmine Fryer  
Denise W. Link  
Willetta A. Milam  
Shaletha T. Mitchell  
Justin L. Monday, Esq.  
Lisa Thomas, Ph.D.

**Ex Officio Members**

Ronald M. Berkman, Ph.D.  
Alex Johnson, Ph.D.

To Parents & Caregivers of Charles Eliot Students:

All of us at Charles Eliot have waited patiently for a definitive timeline for the transition of our school, as outlined in CMSD's Master Facilities Plan. I am happy to share this update with you.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Cleveland, passage of Issue 4 in 2014 has enabled the District to be thoughtful about its academic programming and facilities planning, and the community's input has been an important part of that process.

Decision-making about construction of new facilities, modernizing existing facilities and retiring facilities not primed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning has been made based on what citizens want and what our students deserve in Cleveland.

As a result of that process, a brand new PreK–8 school will open in our community in January 2019. We are dedicated to helping Charles Eliot students and families with a smooth transition from our existing school facility to a modern, state-of-the-art elementary school next school year, and we sincerely hope you choose to join us in this move.

**If you want your student to continue attending Charles Eliot and move into the new school facility next year, you do not need to take any re-enrollment action.** For the 2018–19 school year, these students will:

- Attend Charles Eliot School in a reserve space at the existing Whitney Young building, (17900 Harvard Ave.) from August through December 2018
- Transition to the new school facility, located next to the current Whitney Young building, in January 2019.

This is an extremely exciting time for the Charles Eliot community. In addition to our new state-of-the-art facility, our staff has also been working on the design and implementation of a new, personalized learning model that utilizes flexible, hands-on lessons that allow students to drive their learning based on their strengths and interests. With increased access to technology and expanded options to demonstrate their knowledge, we truly believe our students will grow and thrive.

We hope you will join us as we continue to improve the educational experience for your students. Please keep an eye out for upcoming communications regarding fun events to help welcome students back to the Charles Eliot community, celebrate our move into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning space, and make our school a great place to be.

Sincerely,



Ivy Wheeler,  
Principal