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Ronald M. Berkman, Ph.D. Alex Johnson, Ph.D. To JFK E<sup>3</sup>agle Academy Students and their Parents and Caregivers:

Each year, CMSD engages in a thoughtful school planning process during which we work to match our school offerings with the interests of our students. This is possible with the active participation of our students in the high school choice event and enrollment process.

While JFK E<sup>3</sup>agle Academy is one of our first new school models introduced in the 2014–15 school year, this year's high school choice data did not produce enough interest in E<sup>3</sup>agle to include a freshman class for the 2018–19 school year.

I want to make sure that you know this decision will impact relatively few 8th graders and their families who expressed interest in E<sup>3</sup>agle and will not affect our current E<sup>3</sup>agle students who will enter their sophomore, junior and senior years at E<sup>3</sup>agle this fall.

Current 8th graders or siblings that expressed interest in E<sup>3</sup>agle during the high school choice process will be contacted soon by a representative from our School Choice and Enrollment Office to explore the best high school option to meet their needs and interests next year.

Our enrollment specialists will also work with current E<sup>3</sup>agle 9th graders who are off track for promotion to 10th grade to explore similar options.

One convenient option affected students who may want to consider is JFK PACT (Problem-based Academy of Critical Thinking), a model program that was introduced along with E<sup>3</sup>agle in the 2014–15 school year, as it is also located on the JFK campus.

CMSD is proud not only that we can offer an increasing number of school choices, but we are also pleased to see our students and families choosing their schools more thoughtfully than ever.

Our decision not to offer 9th grade as an enrollment option at JFK E<sup>3</sup>agle Academy in the 2018–19 school year is a reflection of that thoughtful process, and an indication of a higher demand in other quality high schools from which our 8th graders interested in E<sup>3</sup>agle may choose.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the options available to you. Our school choice and enrollment specialists will continue to assist students and families with the right choice to match your needs and interests.

Sincerely,

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Lennox Thompson, Principal