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RE: MMCA Expansion Project and Capital Campaign Proposal

Dear MMCA Families, Friends and Alumni,

A couple years ago, MMCA was approached by a group that provides expansion grants to successful charter schools and we were invited to apply for an expansion grant. This led to several conversations with various entities regarding what an expansion could look like, and preliminary conversations with our neighbor, the St. Augustine Episcopal Church, about acquiring more land. Shortly after these conversations started, the COVID-19 pandemic happened, putting expansion conversations on hold. Recently, the conversations have resumed and have been progressing quickly. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain to our community where we're at within this process.

A Vision for Growth

We're thrilled to expand our programmatic opportunities for our students, including:

- Increasing our student capacity from approximately 30 students per grade level to 50 students per grade level;
- Adding a new STEAM lab (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) to our campus;
- Adding a performing arts stage;
- Adding a full-size gymnasium;
- Adding a full-size soccer field;
- Expanding our playground (doubling our blacktop square footage);
- Expanding our garden by 50%

Our Architect, who designed our existing school facility, has drafted an amazing site plan of what our school site will look like post expansion, and we're excited to share these renderings with you now (at the end of this letter).

Strength in Numbers

During the past 10 years, costs for required contributions to state retirement programs like CalPERS have tripled (9% to 26%), and the minimum wage has nearly doubled. Increasing our student

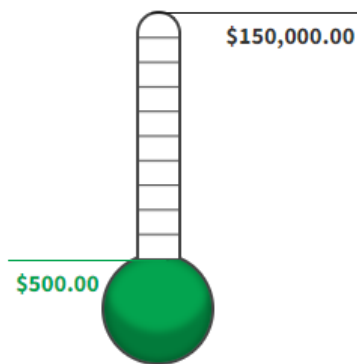
population would help us to offset these costs and expand the opportunity for more families to benefit our program.

The expansion process will likely take several years and include:

- due diligence process for getting additional property, the
- acquisition of the land,
- construction, and
- furnishing and equipping the new facilities.

We are planning on using a combination of grant-based sources and tax-exempt bond financing for the land acquisition and construction of the expansion project. Current total project costs are estimated around \$7,000,000. We anticipate there will be around \$150,000 in due diligence costs. Due diligence costs include civil engineering, land surveying, architectural costs and appraisal.

MMCA Expansion Capital Campaign



Let's begin with a Single Step

Our goal is to raise \$150,000 over the next twelve months. Our Capital Campaign's website is [here](#). All contributions towards the Capital Campaign are 100% tax deductible and shall assist in activating the expansion. Please feel free to reach out to me at brent@mmcharter.org.

Your partnership in creating a legendary educational center for our community is greatly appreciated. Our children and our teachers invite you to be a part of changing history for good.

Sincerely,

Brent Boothby, Executive Director
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Illustration 1: Draft School Site Plan post expansion:



Illustration 2: Draft floor plan for new Multi-purpose Room with Performing arts stage

