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Dear HOPE Families and Staff,

Great news! I am very happy and excited to share that the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) voted 5-2 at yesterday's December 9, 2020 HRA Hearing to issue the conduit bonds for our building project. We are moving forward! It is our hope that we close this month and begin construction in January 2021.

I also humbly thank you for your support and presence at the December 8, 2020 Payne Phalen Community Council meeting. Our school presence was seen, felt and heard by others who were also in attendance. I have received positive comments at the show of support our families and staff demonstrated! This is how a true, authentic community engagement process should look like, with all residents represented! It was unfortunate that they could not accommodate more attendees, and so many of you were not able to join the meeting.

My staff and I appreciate all that you do every day to help your children with their learning at home. Our teachers miss their students, and we are doing our very best to support you and your children. Please call our office for anything you may need. Many of you are also wondering when HOPE will transition to either a hybrid or in-person model. I want to share with you that the December 3, 2020 MN Department of Health Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County indicates an increase in COVID cases in Ramsey County. For that reason, HOPE will continue with the Distance Learning model. We continue to monitor and will update you as soon as anything changes.

As the Winter Break approaches, I wish everyone to be safe and healthy!

Happy Holidays!

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Executive Director