

To: Sterling Montessori parents, faculty, staff and students

In the coming weeks, the LHU Foundation Board of Directors will lead an exciting process to establish ambitious goals for Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School and begin the greatly anticipated process of finalizing a plan for strategic physical growth. Over the course of this process, there will be a number of important events planned designed to gather critical input from parents, students, faculty and staff, and we encourage your active involvement in these exciting events.

Lilly Skok Bunch, principal of Lilly Skok Bunch Consulting, Inc. will begin the process by hosting a series of SWOT Analysis sessions that are designed to determine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as seen by members of the SMAC community. These informational sessions will inform the Strategic Planning process and create a framework for the ways in which we establish priorities for the school.

All parents are encouraged to participate in one of the following planned sessions. Both sessions will last for approximately 2 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served.

Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Please contact Pantea Dougani to sign up for one of the two sessions by calling 919.466-7226 or e-mail [llu\\_board@sterlingmontessori.org](mailto:llu_board@sterlingmontessori.org).

Similar sessions will be hosted for students on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm, Faculty and Staff on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am and the LHU Board of Directors at its regular Board meeting. Thank you in advance for your commitment to attend one of these sessions.

Following these initial information gathering sessions, the Architectural Design Team under the leadership of Brown Architecture and Giampartone Design with Montessori Specialist, Jim Dyck, Jillian Hovey and Chris Hilt, will host a series of Design Workshops in early May. We will be asking community members to attend one of the two “green and Montessori design” educational sessions that will be offered starting May 9<sup>th</sup>.

These two-hour sessions will provide a framework for the two design workshops that will be held on consecutive Saturdays (May 10<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>): in the first design workshop (Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>), we will work to clarify needs for your growing community, focused on revisions to the Master Plan; the second design workshop (Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>), will focus on the design of the new school building. This process will be educational and exciting, and is dependent on community involvement for its success – we look forward to seeing you at these sessions!

Also during the month of May and June, small discussion groups will be held to discuss various aspects of the strategic plan and design process. The dates of these sessions are forthcoming, but welcome every member of the community’s active engagement in this exciting process.

Please join us!

With appreciation,

Sharmila Bristol  
President, LHU Board

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