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Thea Bowman Leadership Academy Grades 7-12 3401 W. 5th Ave Gary, Indiana 46402 219.944.3100 Greetings, Thea Bowman Family!

It is a great time to be a part of Thea Bowman Leadership Academy. There are many dedicated leaders, teachers, parents, and scholars that are working to help push Thea Bowman so that we continue to thrive and achieve—with the ultimate goal of offering the absolute best for our scholars.

As we discuss ideas and plans and work to grow and strengthen our schools, we have gotten many questions from the community, our parents, and extended family regarding the consideration of a school restructure and our school charter.

To clarify, we are in no way changing our charter or closing any of our schools. We are simply working toward improvement and growth.

When we talk about a 'School Restructure,' as mentioned in our recent board meeting, we are speaking to our desire to serve our K-8 scholars in one, new building while continuing to serve our 9-12 grade scholars in our current building. We believe this will allow us to better serve the needs of all of our schools while also opening up the opportunity to expand and serve more scholars at the high-school level. Our authorizer, Education One (Trine University), spoke at our board meeting and explicitly stated that they are pleased with the consistent improvement of our schools. Our charter will continue and remain unchanged.

We know at Thea Bowman Leadership Academies, it takes a village. We are thankful for the hard work of all of our teachers, our wonderful scholars, and our community partners. As a Board, we will continue to work hard to help make Thea Bowman Leadership Academy a phenomenal school serving the children of Gary.

All of our efforts will ensure that we are strong and that we serve the Gary community for years to come. Thank you!

Mike Suggs Thea Bowman Board Chair