



February 1, 2019

Dear Administration, Teachers and Staff:

Choice Academies is pleased to announce the forthcoming unification of Adams Traditional Academy (ATA), Adams Traditional Beginnings (ATB), Jefferson Traditional Beginnings (JTB) and Jefferson Preparatory (JP). It is scheduled to take place officially in the 2019-2020 school year. Merging of campuses onto one will allow us to operate as a true Prek-12 model.

ATA and ATB opened the doors of a traditional, back to basics learning environment in 2009 followed by JP in 2013. Growth of all schools over time has been predominantly internal, stemming from the referrals of our parents and members of the community.

The continued success of all schools is rooted in a solid curriculum and the highest caliber of teachers and staff. Choice Academies continues to invest in on-going professional development training and development for all of our staff. We believe our schools are a success because of the teachers and staff that support and motivate our students to strive for excellence in all that they aspire to do. As a result of those efforts, Choice Academies, Inc. has been recognized as a top performing charter in the north Phoenix area and in the state of Arizona.

An ad-hoc board committee was formed in order to look at the organization as a whole. The decision was made to combine all schools through unification on one campus because we believe that this will allow us to reallocate resources to strengthen our academic program, fine arts curriculum, and extracurricular activities. As of July 1, 2019, JP will reside on the W Parkside Lane campus. The decision to merge the campuses has been a laborious one with the interest of all of our students, parents, staff and teachers in mind.

The continued success of our students depends on the unity of our parents, administration, teachers and support staff. We believe that working together on one campus will provide our students and families the continuity of one campus. Our teachers and staff have demonstrated their commitment to work with administration to provide quality education. We look to you as we transition to one campus to remain committed and loyal employees and support one another in this transition.

There are many decisions yet to be made and items to be worked through. Committees will be formed to iron out more details as we approach the end of this school year. We welcome your input and concerns as we continue to map out the transition. We have created an email address for you to submit your questions and concerns to the committee at:

[strategicplanning@choiceacademies.org](mailto:strategicplanning@choiceacademies.org)

Your participation and contributions to this process is welcomed.

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