



March 6, 2014

Dear Andrew, Jacob, Kristin, Danica and Jessie:

Thank you so much for your letter and all of our conversations to date. We are delighted to partner with you and the Midtown Community School Initiative (MCSI) to explore the creation of new learning opportunities that serve your communities' needs in Kansas City.

We have greatly enjoyed getting to know you over the last 6 months. We have been in conversations with representatives from cities across the country considering new school models, and MCSI has really stood out among them. We really appreciate the level of rigor with which you approached this process and your strong interest in a community-wide collaboration.

As you note, we share many of the same values. It is important to us that parents have the opportunity to be closely involved in their schools. It is important to us that children have the opportunity to realize their potential in academically rigorous environments that enable them to learn alongside those from diverse backgrounds. And it is important to us that schools provide opportunities to strengthen the bonds among our communities and our citizenship. We are thrilled to build upon these values with you.

We look forward to spending time this year working with you to reach out to communities across Kansas City to explore the possibility of any new school in fall 2016. Through informational sessions, community events, focus groups and other venues, we intend to learn from parents, universities and other community leaders and use that process to inform our future efforts.

More to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kriste Dragon", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Kriste Dragon

Co-founder and CEO

Citizens of the World Schools