



March 15, 2017

Dear 3280 Motor Ave Neighbors and Community Members,

After careful and thoughtful consideration, The City School and its Board of Directors has decided to terminate its lease option at 3272-3280 S. Motor Ave., effectively ending the school's effort to locate at that site. We want to inform you of our decision ourselves, and to tell you the reasons why

Throughout this process, and through many conversations with members of the community, we have learned that the area surrounding the proposed site is fraught with longstanding and challenging traffic issues. We are committed to being good neighbors wherever we locate our school and do not want to be a divisive force in the community in which many of our students live. In fact we are part of this community: nearly half of our students and families live within 2 miles of the Motor site.

Valerie Braimah
Executive Director

Sheri Werner
Head of School (6-12)

Raul Alarcon
Principal (TK-5)

We were committed to do everything within our grasp to find solutions to the challenges this site posed, and we did identify several solutions that would have substantially mitigated traffic issues and other community impacts. Nevertheless, despite our best intentions and efforts, the cost and timeline required to make this site work are prohibitive for a small public school like ours. We need certainty for our students and their families, and we need to be good stewards of our fiscal resources. In the end, this site does not appear to be compatible with either of those important goals.

Stephanie Romero-Crockett
Director of Operations

Despite our change of plans, we hope to continue to work with the surrounding communities, residents, and businesses, to demonstrate our support for the area and its vision. We admire the work that is being done by volunteers and the associations that care so deeply about the future of the neighborhood.

We appreciate the time many community members dedicated to this issue, and we thank everyone for the opinions expressed. Along the way these voices helped us to more finely tune what we proposed, and focused us on the challenges that needed to be addressed. We spent considerable time and resources trying to identify solutions, so it is not an easy decision for us to conclude that the only reasonable path forward is to look elsewhere for our permanent home.

We truly respect our community partners and hope that our school, its parents and staff can collaborate with you on other efforts in the future. We will continue our search for a permanent home for our school and would deeply appreciate any leads that the community might be able to offer us.

Sincerely,

Valerie Braimah, Executive Director
City Charter Schools