Dear Legacy College Prep Friends and Supporters,

2024...The year our first class of students will cross the stage and receive their high school diplomas.

Legacy College Prep graduates will embody professionalism, respect, integrity, determination, and engagement. Poised to work hard and focused on improving the world for others, our graduates will be prepared for the rigors of college, equipped with the strong reading and writing skills and advanced math proficiency necessary to not only be accepted into college but to persist through college, and earn their degree.

2017...The year our first class of students will have access to an excellent public education in the South Bronx that
places them on a path to college and a successful future. We are a college preparatory school that focuses heavily on literacy and math instruction, instills strong character, and provides a culture of joy and structure.

This edition of our monthly newsletter introduces one of our key design elements - highly effective teachers. It provides an overview of our PRIDE values - our way of building a strong school culture and developing young people of character. Also including a spotlight on one of our Founding Board Members, Yvonne Guillen. We conclude with an update on the progress we are making and suggestions for how you can support our efforts to open Legacy College Prep.

With Pride and Ambition for Every Student,
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Our Model

These beliefs directly inform our vision and the seven elements of our school design. This month we focus on...

Highly effective, mission-driven teachers

Legacy College Prep believes that excellent instruction will be key to achieving strong academic results. We will nationally recruit high quality, mission-driven teachers and put a strong emphasis on developing those teachers every year, every month, every week, and every day.

We will provide every teacher with a scope and sequence for their content, sample exemplary unit plans, and rigorous, standards-aligned benchmark assessments as a base for all curriculum development and implementation. Daily, teachers will have access to a hands-on leadership team that brings the experience and insights to help teachers grow in
Teachers will maximize their focus on lesson planning and execution, successfully meeting the needs of all learners and propelling all students towards achievement of academic goals.

Our Culture: PRIDE Points

We actively teach students to showcase our PRIDE values and expect them to demonstrate these values inside and outside of school. Our students have the opportunity to earn class PRIDE points during each class throughout the day.

Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Engagement

Each core value represents a different point that will be awarded when an entire class is exhibiting that value. At the end of the day and then week, PRIDE points are totaled and posted in the Community Circle space so that students can see how their class compares to other classes in their grade level and school. Starting in AM Advisory, our homeroom teachers reference the goal of achieving all PRIDE points in each class, referencing previous day totals in the creation of the goal. At the end of each class, the teacher will go through each core value and let students know whether or not they have earned a point for showcasing that value. Each week, every student will receive an individual PRIDE report, outlining how they are demonstrating these values, and all reports will be provided to families for their review and signature - further building positive, success-oriented communication between school and families.

Our Team: Meet Founding Board Member Yvonne Guillen

Yvonne Guillen is a Parent Organizer for the Bronx working with Families for Excellent Schools, an advocacy group focused on giving parents a voice around school choice. She works to inform families in the Bronx about the options available to them for their children’s education. Ms. Guillen is a proud mother of four children, three of whom have had the opportunity to access a great education at a local charter school. She began her work as a volunteer with Families for Excellent
Schools and now is an advocate for all children. She also worked briefly with the campaign for Assemblyman Marcos Crespo. Ms. Guillen has extensive ties to the community as a resident of Community School District 8, and as a member of the founding team for Legacy College Prep she is driven by her belief that our children are the future and they deserve nothing but the best.

Progress Report

Current Status
We are excited to have recently submitted the charter application for Legacy College Prep to the SUNY Charter School Institute on January 22. We look forward to hearing soon about next steps in the authorization process. Just prior to submission, the founding team held our second board meeting on January 20, 2016. Our next board meeting will be on February 10th, 2016.

Community Outreach
As support for Legacy College Prep grows we continue our efforts to get to know local community members and families. In the spring we will be hosting information sessions and canvassing events. We are looking for volunteers to knock door to door to spread the word about Legacy College Prep. If you are interested in volunteering, click here.

Call to Action

Support

- Check out our website for upcoming information sessions and events.
- Take our community survey to give us feedback on our design.
- Join our mailing list for updates on our progress.

Spread the Word

- Share our plans with parents, educators and community leaders who can assist in making our vision a reality for the students of the Bronx.
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