Dear Legacy College Prep Friends and Supporters,

The road to college and the thinking that college requires begins with the ability to read well, write well, and compute accurately. Legacy College Prep will build this foundation through the implementation of school-wide and grade-appropriate instructional methods and strategies. Our mission is to prepare students to persist in college and our instructional methods the core of our pursuit of that mission. This month we begins to share some of these instructional methods.
However, academics alone will not ensure that students are successful in college. Building a school community is crucial to creating a positive culture. One of the ways we will build community is through service to the community outside our school. Investing our students in giving back through community service is important because the pride they have in our school should mirror the pride they have in their community.

This edition of our monthly newsletter continues to introduce one of our key design elements - Community Service. New this month our series on Instructional Methods with an overview of how we will use Real-Time Data to coach teachers around meeting the needs of all students, and includes a spotlight on one of our Founding Board Members, Matt Bliss. We conclude with an update on the progress we are making toward opening 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

This month we focus on our…

Community Service

Service to the community is one of the greatest ways for our students to realize their social responsibility to the world. Community service positively impacts a student’s personal and social development, as well as future participation in civic engagement and community service. In order to instill in our students a desire to give back to their community we will partner with local community-focused organizations to organize trimester-based community service projects for students to participate in, partnering with local community organizations.

In the eighth grade students will be required to earn five community service hours for the year, participating in an activity outside of school. This requirement will increase to ten hours per year at the high school level. The emphasis and importance of this requirement will instill in students the value of service and help students form a habit of giving back to the community in a meaningful way. In order to support students in fulfilling the requirement, advisors will help students plan community service activities to earn their hours, which will include school-wide and advisory community service projects.

Our Instruction: Real-Time Data

At Legacy College Prep, students will take Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes. Students will also have two elective courses, Physical Education and Computer Science. We know that student succeed at higher levels when teachers can meet the needs of each individual student. We will dedicate a large portion of the teacher development to focus on collecting data on student mastery in real-time throughout the lesson. This real-time data collection will allow teachers to pinpoint individual student needs.

Teachers will be trained how to prepare a lesson by thinking through the common misunderstandings that students will encounter and scripting out questions that focus on clearing up the misunderstanding(s). Teachers will practice moving around the classroom with a purpose, tracking student answers during group work and independent work, and purposefully looking at specific students in order to find examples of student work to use for the next section of the lesson. Finally, teachers will share exemplary student work to help clarify questions and address confusion of other students. This form of instruction allows for a teacher to intervene immediately into the lesson to ensure that all students are progressing towards learning the material, adjusting the lesson to support students who are struggling.

Our Team: Meet Board Member Matt Bliss

Matthew Bliss is Vice President, Strategy and
Business Development, Private Banking and Wealth Management New Markets at Credit Suisse, a new business unit intended to grow Credit Suisse relationships in key client segments, beginning with women, African-Americans, and the LGBT community. Mr. Bliss’s primary focus is to accelerate multi-channel lead generation and understand the unique financial needs among high-net-worth prospects and clients in key segments. Since 2007, Mr. Bliss has held several roles in Investment Banking Human Resources at Credit Suisse, most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer from 2013 to 2014. He has worked closely with the corporate board for Credit Suisse, and he brings over eight years of human resource and business management experience, with an emphasis on financial planning and analysis, headcount forecasting, performance management, benefits administration, compensation, and recruiting. Mr. Bliss has a BSBA in marketing and organizational behavior from Washington University in St. Louis and resides in Manhattan.

Progress Report

Current Status
Legacy College Prep was officially incorporated on October 10. We are looking forward to opening our doors to our founding sixth grade class in Fall 2017. Our enrollment applications come out on November 1. Join our mailing list in order to receive an update on our application timeline.

Our founding board had their last board meeting on September 20, and will hold their next board meeting on October 25.

Expanding Our Team
We are looking for high capacity, energetic professionals to join the founding staff of Legacy College Prep. Visit our website www.legacycollegeprep.org to look at job postings and submit a resume to info@legacycollegeprep.org if you are interested.

We are also looking to expand our founding board by adding committee members to our Finance, Academic Achievement, and Fund Development committees. If you are interested in joining a Legacy College Prep committee, click here.
Call to Action

Support

- Website: Check out our website for...
  - Upcoming Information Session Dates
  - Student Application Information
  - Job Postings
- Volunteer: Join a founding committee using the link above.
- Donate: Click Here to make a donation to our cause and help us start Legacy College Prep.

Spread the Word

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

Please contact Legacy College Prep Principal, Summer Schneider with any requests, questions, or comments:

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