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To: Bishop Mark Tolbert, Chairman BOE
LATCA Board of Education

From: Dr. Donnie Mitchell, Superintendent

Re: Recognition by Saint Louis University for statewide improvement

I am pleased to share with the BOE, as an FYI item, that our school has been recognized for outstanding growth. (SLU Prime Report and email received are included in your document).

Out of over 1600 schools in Missouri, our school ranked:

- 8th in Subgroup Math growth
- 13th in overall Math growth
- 15th in top ELA Subgroup

We are academically headed in the right direction. Thanks to the BOE for your support.



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Annual SLU PRiME Growth Report: Missouri Charters Lead the Way Statewide

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Good morning charter leaders,

I am emailing you to make you aware of some great news - and to congratulate you.

Background: St. Louis University's research arm, SLU PRiME, as you may be aware, does an annual state of the schools "growth report." On Friday, they release [SLU PRiME's 3rd annual statewide growth report](#) (also attached for ease), which does a top 20 list in the state for student growth by school type (elementary, middle) and then by ELA and math and also by student subgroup within ELA and math. In total, this means there are 12 "top 20" lists across the state.

As a reminder, this report uses the Missouri Growth Model and simplifies of the reporting in this handy report to make it way more accessible. I'm very thankful they do this and also do the research to highlight this great work, including spotlighting GROWTH of students, not just proficiency.

Takeaways: This year, similar frankly to previous years, shows that charters - and you (and your teachers and staff) in particular - are doing amazing work and leading the state in student growth. Specifically:

- Of the 12 categories: a charter school is the top in the entire state for 9 of them.
- On the top 20 list in at least 1 category, huge congratulations to:
 - KIPP STL (KIPP Wisdom, KIPP Victory, Trimuph)
 - Academy for Integrated Arts (AFIA)
 - Brookside Charter (Brookside Elementary, Middle)
 - Frontier Schools (FS Innovation ES, FS Innovation MS)
 - Ewing Marion Kauffman School (Middle)
 - Lafayette Prep
 - Premier Charter
 - KIPP KC (Endeavor)
 - Scuola Vita Nuova
 - **Lee A Tolbert**
 - KC International Academy
 - Momentum Fox Park
 - Citizens of the World (MS)
 - Allen Village
 - Gateway Science Middle
 - Guadalupe Centers Middle

Lee A Tolbert
Made the top
20 list (out of
1694) Schools
in 3 categories.

There is a lot more here to dig-in on but, in the short-term, we wanted to make sure you had this and could share it with your teams and communicate it out however you see fit.

We will work to get this information out as well on social media and otherwise and will keep you posted accordingly.

Congrats again,

Noah