**Superintendent’s Report for BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy, Dr. Donnie Mitchell (Superintendent)

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* Last month I shared with you that the state legislature was discussing the issue of school choice. This would families to use “open enrollment” to go to any school they chose. We believe this would negatively impact urban schools in particular. This, to my knowledge, has moved forward as being discussed in the senate. I will keep you posted.
* Our site visit concluded last Thursday. In this site visit, several stakeholders were interviewed as it relates to the school. The visit team will compile a report and send it to me. Once I receive it I will share with the board. Early comments they shared with me:
  + The 3 instructional coach model has been a huge success
  + Overall very positive culture reported
  + Staff seemed pleased with provided resources and genuinely want to be here
  + Staff is excited about school leadership overall
  + We are growing academically/exceeding growth, although we have ways to go with overall achievement
* I asked the team about high performing charter schools in the state that I could visit that have similar demographics to our school. I was given the names of several schools in the St. Louis area. I plan to request meetings with those leaders of those schools and would like to potentially go visit a few of them.
* Our calendar preparation team met last week. In our March BOE meeting we will have a proposed calendar for your consideration and approval.
* As of March 16, we have had 46 families that have accepted our offers to join the LATCA family next year through School App KC. This number continues to grow and we are doing all we can to aid the families in completing the enrollment process, in addition to our families that are already here.