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Dear New City Parents:

For almost fifteen years New City Christian School has been the only school of its kind in Western North Carolina. We have worked hard to close the gap in educational outcomes between white and African-American students, and we have experienced great success in that mission, in the name of Jesus.

Last week, New City's Board of Directors made the very hard decision that this will be New City's last year. The school will close at the end of the school year in June 2020. Several challenges facing the school have made this decision necessary:

- Enrollment has not grown in the way we had hoped, so it will be very hard to have the finances to keep the school strong beyond this school year.
- PEAK Academy, a new charter school with a very similar mission to New City's, plans to open in the fall of 2021. This school will have the ability to offer additional services such as transportation and meals to its students, as well as additional support services. This will further impact future enrollment.
- Our lease ends in June and after nine months of diligent searching we have been unable to find a facility that would meet our needs and satisfy state requirements.

We will end this school year in the strongest possible way, completing all of our academic goals for each grade level and following through on all planned activities. We are determined to help transition each of your children to a new school for next year. Over the next month, we will set up a time to work with every family individually to determine the best placement for your children for next year.

Again, we want to reassure you that we are completing the full school year as we normally would. We will be setting up a parent meeting soon to give you the opportunity to ask questions. Please watch for a communication about the date and time by the end of next week.

Thank you for your love and support of this school,



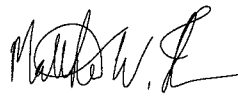
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