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FOR THE FRIENDS OF E PREP SCHOOLS

May - June, 2009

STATE FUNDING AT RISK!

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Right now, the key to E Prep's future is making sure the State of Ohio understands the importance of educating low-income students, and making sure legislators know that schools like E Prep are models for the future. Unfortunately, we're not sure they DO understand that.

1. FUNDING SITUATION – THE GOVERNOR

You may have heard that Governor Strickland proposed deep cuts in funding for charter schools in Ohio, **including** massive cuts for high-performing schools such as E Prep, Citizens' Academy, and The Intergenerational School. Massive cuts, if passed by the legislature, would force our schools to close. As unbelievable as that sounds, it's true.

2. FUNDING SITUATION – THE HOUSE

After reviewing Governor Strickland's version of the budget, the House heard from our three schools and many other charter schools, and led us to believe that the massive cuts proposed by Strickland would be overturned... at least where quality schools are concerned. Thus far, we have no evidence that this is true. Historically, we only received about 70% of the amount that traditional public schools receive in Ohio. The proposed additional cuts would lower that to 50% or less. Again, unbelievable.

3. FUNDING SITUATION – THE SENATE

In the past, the Senate has supported charter schools in Ohio, and has vowed to continue to do so. We are all grateful for that. Unfortunately, even if they "restore" funding to previous "under funded" levels, they still have to deal with the House and the Governor in a committee setting. Lots of unfortunate things can happen there.

4. FUNDING SITUATION – YOUR ROLE

Your role (should you choose to accept it) is to quickly and broadly communicate with state representatives to help educate them so we can stop this madness now. Please go to our website, www.eprepschool.org and click on BUDGET LETTER. You will have multiple letters from which to choose. You will see names and addresses of elected state officials. We need to mail thousands of letters in the next week.

5. MEANWHILE, HOW ARE THE STUDENTS DOING?

100% of our students have completed this year's Ohio Achievement Tests, which measure whether or not they have mastered the material that they should have mastered for their grade. Results are coming in June. In the meantime, all of our 8th graders are being immersed in our entrepreneurship program.

All of our 8th graders have been placed in college-prep high schools.

The next incoming class of 200 6th graders is almost full!

The incoming class of 60 kindergarteners at Village Preparatory School (our new elementary school) is already full.

The move to 1417 E 36th Street has happened!

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Marshall Emerson III

Next FOEP Awareness Events:

June 11, Box Lunch & Tours
of the NEW E Prep School
11:30 am – 1 pm

July 23, Cocktails at Shoreby
Club 5:30 pm

June 26, E Prep School
GRADUATION 1:00 pm at
John Hay High School
Campus near University
Circle

Send names for events to:
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