

December 19, 2017

Good day,

We write as residents of the District of Columbia for almost thirty years, and as parents of three young DC residents, ages 5, 9 and almost 12 years old. Two of our children are students at the Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School (LAMB PCS), and our oldest is a graduate of LAMB PCS and now attends DCI PCS. We currently live at 241 Quackenbos St NW, in Manor Park DC. **We would like to ask for your support for LAMB's move to the Kingsbury building as a permanent home for our school.**

For fifteen years, LAMB has been the only public, accredited, dual-language immersion Montessori school in the DC metropolitan area and one of a handful nationwide. LAMB's education model has proven results, with consistent placement in the top tier of charter schools in the city. Year after year, LAMB has a waiting list of hundreds of families who hope their children have access to this high quality school. LAMB administration has worked to keep the school small, but also slowly grow to serve as many of the city's families as it can. We admire their commitment to this. **Having been a part of the LAMB community now for over eight years, as parents and one of us as a Board member, we can say with confidence that LAMB cares about the school community, the neighborhood communities in which the campuses are located, and the city as a whole—LAMB PCS is here to serve the community and help foster life-long learning and good citizenry for the next generation!**

Out of necessity, LAMB PCS has moved five times. Many public charter schools face this situation in this city. But with each move, LAMB is seeking to get a little bit closer to its dream of one campus for all of their students. Kingsbury offers so much for LAMB's students, with secure abundant exterior green space, off-street parking, and sufficient interior space to support the current school size and future growth to a maximum of 600 students (PK3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) by 2023. Therefore, we look forward to working with our community so that the enhancements to the Kingsbury property are mutually beneficially for both the community and our school.

Kingsbury fulfills LAMB's dream. Re-locating to Kingsbury means over time all of LAMB students can be together under one roof. Instead of operating from three sites, we can all be together. The amount of resources that the school can save and share to enrich academic and social development for our very diverse student population will be phenomenal.

We are heartened that the ANC recently voted 6-0-1 in support of LAMB's proposal for a process to eventually increase enrollment to 600 students. From the comments from ANC Commissioners, we believe they see that LAMB has worked to be good neighbors and address concerns of neighbors. I was very impressed to see the ANC Commissioners engage in dialogue with the community in such a respectful, caring way. **In closing, we hope that LAMB's ability to move into the Kingsbury Building will be approved and ask for your support in this effort and good cause.**

Sincerely,

Tracy Goodman and Mark Mittelhauser and Family