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Dear AUL Families:

Welcome to February! As I enter my second month at AUL, two of our major projects are coming to fruition. On Friday, February 1, we received a letter from the NJDOE Commissioner of Education granting us a five-year extension on our AUL Charter renewal. This is wonderful news, as it allows us to continue to the good work we have been doing since 2010, and expand our reach in the community. Also, we are one step closer to opening our new middle school.

As most of you are aware, we have been under construction for a new middle school building at the Perth Amboy Christian Center, 295/299 Barclay Street. This has been a long, comprehensive process. First, we received approval from the Middlesex County Office of Education, Business Administrator. Then, over the next two years, we negotiated a lease, designed architectural drawings for required improvements, went out to bid for project items, hired construction companies, received ongoing permits for each code department, hired contractors for modifications, and conducted inspection approvals.

Prior to the start of construction, the school community was surveyed, and identified key needs for the new building were developed. We wanted to make sure the new Academy for Urban Leadership would be the school that students, staff, and families wanted, and needed, it to be.

The new AUL middle school will have the following: twenty first century learning spaces with expansive classrooms and state-of-the-art technology, WIFI, school-wide security system, fire and monitoring system, health office with restroom and sink, guidance suite, cafeteria, gymnasium and physical education space, weight room, staff lounge, music room, and dedicated custodial storage. In addition, an on-site parking lot will be provided. We have added an ADA-compliant ramp and restroom for accessibility on the first floor.

In the month of January, we completed the following:

- Week of January 2: Final inspections of new construction, including installation of security systems
- Week of January 7: Final inspection approval received from the City of Perth Amboy for 295 Barclay Street, implementation of technology equipment in every classroom

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- Week of January 14: Final inspection for 299 Barclay Street
- Week of January 21: Staff tours of new building
- Week of January 28: Midterm exams occurred
- Week of February 4: Final plans will be developed for each grade level to move to the new site

We expect to be in the new AUL before the end of February. As plans are finalized, you will be informed of move-in dates, and any schedule changes. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support of AUL.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rose Morales, EdS  
Lead School Administrator