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Welcome Back to the 2017 -2018 School Year.
We are excited to announce that FAPA is new and improved!

I hope you had a wonderful summer including rest and family fun.

We've been busy preparing for a year of positive changes. As you know, Magnolia Student Center will be moving out of the Pathfinder Center on Tequesquite just as soon as we get the official approvals from the City of Riverside. FAPA now has its own dedicated leadership team, and will have more space for project work. With the help of our new leadership team, we have redesigned the FAPA program to meet the needs not only of students who want to pursue an aviation career, but also those who are interested in all industries related to transportation, including fields like hospitality, tourism, business, public works and more.

In addition to that work, we completed the documentation required to submit to bondholders for funding of our new campus on Flabob Airports grounds. This project has been complicated due to the roadwork the city of Jurupa Valley is requiring, which has added great time and expense to the planning and the eventual implementation of the project. We will keep you posted as soon as we have secured funding and can break ground.

Meanwhile, Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy will provide an exciting "Global Transitions Program" at the Pathfinder Center, introducing our students to the global world connected by transportation. Students will embark on a thematic, integrated core education that allows them to focus on career connection in the areas of transportation technology, public safety, hospitality, tourism, and recreation, media arts and business. Aviation will continue to be at the center of our program as we provide integrated curriculum that includes an aviation focus.

In the Global Transitions Program, middle school students will develop the 21st Century skills needed to be successful in the global world. They will also be introduced to careers that connect them to our changing, diverse world. Our high school students will continue to thrive and grow as they learn the concepts and skills that will allow them to either go directly into their selected careers or college.

All students will be immersed in real-world learning that connect them to our community. In order to provide the time and opportunity to dive deep into each child's particular interests, we will be adding hands-on field days and week-long intercessions several times per year, and a number of these activities will occur on the grounds of Flabob Airport with the support of pilots there. This is a fantastic way for us to bridge the time until we are able to move back into our Flabob Airport home.

CTE pathways offered on-site at the Pathfinder Center will include System Diagnostic Service and Repair; Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation; Public Safety; Design, Visual and Media Arts; and Business Management.

Defining Elements of our FAPA Global Transitions Program:

Mastery Learning & Grading: Opportunities for redos and retakes until learning occurs. No excuses!

Community as the Classroom: Community partnerships bring the real-world to our students through mentorships, internships and career technical education. In addition, our students will work on community-based projects to improve neighborhoods and help those in need.

Empowered Students: Students will make real decisions that impact the course of their educational journey through passion projects and interest-driven intersession courses

Personalization: In our small school environment, every student is known well, respected and appreciated. A collaborative learning community, built on powerful relationships, ensures that the emotional and intellectual needs of students are met.

As we implement this new program, our schedule will be:

7th, 8th and 9th Grade

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be core days
- Tuesday will be optional onsite elective day or home study day

10th – 12th Grade

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday will be core days
- Tuesday will be home study/dual enrollment/internship day
- Thursday will be CTE, Dual Enrollment, and Internship day

Meet our new FAPA Leadership Team:

Principal Robin Davis has been in education for 12 years. She was a middle school and high school math teacher for nine years and has two years of charter school administrative experience. As a graduate of the US Air Force Academy and a former Air Force Officer, Robin brings to the FAPA leadership team a connection to aviation. She is looking forward to leading the FAPA staff and students as we begin to focus on preparing our students to succeed in our Global Transitions program.

Vice Principal Shawna Lewis has been with Springs Charter Schools since 2007, working as an Education Specialist and Mentor ES in the Homeschool Department. Prior to working with Springs, she spent six years teaching middle school math and science in both public and private schools. She is looking forward to joining the FAPA leadership team to bring personalized learning to all students

I am so pleased about the direction FAPA is taking to provide your students with a world-class, innovative, relevant education.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, *Superintendent*

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