

August 12, 2020

Dear Foundation Preparatory Parents and Families,

Foundation Preparatory, Inc. has served as the operator of Foundation Preparatory (Foundation Prep) since 2015. Community Academies of New Orleans (CANO) was approved by the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) to operate four turnaround schools, three of which will open for the 2020-2021 school year. The Foundation Prep, Inc. and Choice Foundation boards have been working in collaboration on the transformation of Lafayette Academy, Esperanza Charter School and Foundation Preparatory, and have been engaging with the staff and students to develop transformation plans during this past academic year.

Through collaboration and a shared vision, both Foundation Preparatory and CANO have concluded that beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, CANO shall operate the school with the Head of School transitioning to the CEO of the new organization. I have approved the siting of Lafayette Academy, Esperanza Charter School and Foundation Preparatory to Community Academies of New Orleans beginning in the 2020-21 school year. **This will not affect your child's current placement** and the school will remain open and in the same location. The only change will be a new operator will be in place for the 2020-2021 school year.

NOLA Public Schools will work closely with CANO throughout this year to ensure a smooth transition of management of the school, while keeping what is most important to families consistent.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Cathy Chase, Director of Family Engagement for NOLA Public Schools at 504-304-3520.

In Service,

