



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Many of our Kauffman Scholar families have contacted us with questions about the recent decision by the state Board of Education to downgrade the Kansas City Missouri School District's accreditation on January 1, 2012. As you may have read in news reports, this decision was based on failure to meet most of the state's academic performance standards for several years.

While our Board of Directors is carefully reviewing the situation to understand how it might affect the program, we want to urge our families not to make hasty decisions about transferring your student out of the school district. The unaccredited status does not have an immediate effect on students, and the schools will continue to function as normal. Students currently enrolled in KCMSD will receive official diplomas upon graduation and be eligible to attend colleges and universities. Kauffman Scholars will continue to work with your students to graduate on time and go on to college.

We thank you for your patience in this matter as we continue to support your Scholars.

Sincerely,

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