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Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

We are very excited to officially announce that McKinley has been AUTHORIZED to offer the Primary Years Program as an International Baccalaureate World School! As the first IB World School in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties we are proud to offer this prestigious program to our school community. The PYP is designed for students aged 3 to 12. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It is a framework guided by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, explored using knowledge and skills derived from six subjects areas, as well as transdisciplinary skills, with a powerful emphasis on inquiry. The PYP is flexible enough to accommodate the demands of most national or local curriculum and provides a superior foundation for students as they move through their education in Fairport Harbor.

We are so grateful to our teachers and staff for their commitment to this change and the transformation of our learning community into a transdisciplinary, inquiry focused environment that is focused on what our students are becoming as Global Citizens. We would also like to thank the parents and community members who have provided feedback, support and encouragement throughout this journey.

Last, we would like to thank our Superintendent and School Board for their visionary leadership in seeing the amazing possibilities embedded within the IB PYP model of education. Their confidence and support has allowed us to transform our educational program to meet the needs of a 21st century learner.

McKinley will now be added as an authorized school for the Primary Years Programme on the IB public website. While we recognize that our work has only just begun, we are enthusiastic about the future and looking forward to continued development of our Program of Inquiry. We look forward to working closely with our stakeholders, parents, students, and teachers to develop our shared vision of a better and more peaceful world, achieved through inter-cultural understanding and respect.

Kind Regards,

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