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From: Chuck Meadows, Executive Director  
To: Lee Kynes, Governing Board Chair  
Date: March 2, 2002  
Re: An update on recent developments with respect to CREATE

The Governing Board has taken active interest in the residency year in and year out – not only in the fulfillment of its fiduciary responsibilities but also in the positive impact the initiative has had in furthering the mission of the school. This is a commitment that has endured under your leadership.

As you know, I began conversations with Elizabeth Hearn almost two years ago about the potential for CREATE to grow and expand its reach, and the manner in which this potential growth might be stunted if the residency remained a program of Neighborhood Charter. As CREATE continued to successfully partner with more schools, increase the size of its staff, and recruit more donors and supporters, it seemed time for the organization to move out from under our school's umbrella and establish a bigger footprint locally and perhaps beyond.

We discussed a number of options to be considered for the next evolutionary phase, including the formation of a new and independent 501(c)(3) with its own board that could support and lead CREATE into the next chapter. This alternative seemed even more compelling as CREATE's funding seemed in jeopardy as we entered 2020.

Another option considered was for the residency to shift over into Georgia State University – our founding partner. Over the course of the past 18 months or so, this option seemed to gain more traction with both CREATE and the university. Now that this transition is nearing its final stages, I do think it is important that we as a school adapt, but not discontinue our collaborative partnership with this very important initiative. We have invested so much in its growth and development. We continue to hire its residents onto our faculty, and there is an ongoing connection to the work and the people who are focused on it everyday.

I am glad to know that I can count on you, the rest of the Governing Board, my fellow school leaders at Neighborhood Charter and my colleagues at other schools to cooperatively support and continue to be involved in this next stage in CREATE's future.