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Principal's Educational Topic Update

Dear Parents:

I have several items of interest to inform you about. They are listed, by topic, below. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at school.

Topic 1: Open Door Policy


Spartanburg Charter School encourages our parents to come to school, at any time they desire, and observe their children's education in action. We do request that when you come in during regular class time, unannounced, that you do not attempt to engage the teacher in a conversation when he/she is teaching the students since this causes a disruption in learning. The more proper time to speak to a teacher about any concerns you might have is during a pre-arranged conference, set up at a mutually agreeable time for both you and the teacher. We are trying to promote the most parent-friendly policy possible, keeping in mind that we have a responsibility to ensure there is continuity of learning in the classroom.

Topic 2: Highly Qualified Teachers

Per state requirement, I am advising you that we have one faculty member, our music teacher, who has a bachelor's degree in music but has not yet met all of his qualifications for state teacher certification. Mr. Tennant **HAS APPLIED** for teacher certification under the PACE program for alternative licensure and we fully expect him to complete this program in a timely manner. All other teachers at SCS are what the state classifies as "Highly Qualified" which means they have college degrees, have completed a teacher education program and have passed, if required, a national subject matter exam.

Topic 3: Charter School District Newsletter

Attached you will find a copy of the latest charter school district newsletter. I only came into possession of this newsletter last Wednesday, so this is the first time I could get it to you.


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