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Dear Collegiate Community,

I am reaching out to share an update regarding the Yorktown Apartments and how we plan to move forward to address the needs of our school, our neighbors, and the greater community.

In 2015, Collegiate acquired the Yorktown property because it was one of the last available land parcels contiguous to our campus. At the time, the school was not sure of the specific use of the property but understood the parcel would play some role in Collegiate's future growth.

Since then, Collegiate has been working with a third party, Alltrade Property Management, to administer the day-to-day management of the apartments, including maintenance, upkeep, and tenant relations. After several years of this arrangement, Collegiate's Board of Trustees convened a multi-constituent planning committee to study the use of this property and how it could be used to support our needs as a non-profit educational institution. Based on the committee's recommendation, the Board decided to cease operating Yorktown Apartments and move forward in transitioning the use of this property.

The next phase of our Campus Master Plan envisions using the property for much needed infrastructure improvements, including alleviating long-standing traffic, parking, and safety concerns, with the potential for additional educational and programmatic use in the long-term future.

Last Wednesday, Cherokee Triangle's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) held a public hearing to review our proposal to demolish the existing Yorktown buildings, the first step of our transformation of the property for school use. The purpose of the ARC is to review the cultural and historical significance of an existing structure or a modification. Prior to this hearing, Metro Louisville's Planning and Design Staff recommended the ARC approve Collegiate's application. However, after reviewing our plans and hearing community feedback, the ARC temporarily deferred its decision.

We appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from our neighbors and community members and to listen to their concerns about the impact of our decision. We also understand that our plan has raised wider-reaching questions regarding housing, preservation, and growth in Louisville. After reflecting on the feedback we received at, and after, the hearing, we have decided to take additional measures to assist tenants in their transition. These include:

- Extending the timeline for tenant relocation to the spring;
- Engaging an additional professional organization to directly support tenants with relocation, including identifying new housing and addressing any unique needs;
- Providing tenants with relocation assistance, including direct monetary assistance for moving services and other costs; and
- Expediting the return of security deposits.

Our team has already begun communicating with tenants one-by-one to assist them with their individual transition needs. While we continue to work through these issues, we intend to do so with transparency, respect, and compassion.

Sincerely,

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