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BUILD THE FUTURE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE BECOMES FREIRE SCHOOLS

Freire Schools continues to empower students to build the future

Philadelphia, PA – Freire Schools, formerly known as Build the Future Education Collaborative, continues its commitment to deeper learning for its 2,000 students under a new name.

"Our paramount goal is and has always been to help our students learn, achieve and transform their sense of themselves and their futures – to raise expectations about what they can be, in school and beyond," said Dr. Kelly Davenport, CEO and Founder of Freire Schools. "The Freire family is guided and united in all our work by our mission – to empower students to build the future. Freire Schools' new name reflects that unity and puts the spotlight where it belongs: on our schools and on our kids."

Since the opening of the first Freire school in 1999, the intent of the Freire Schools educational program has been to serve primarily educationally disadvantaged students – students considered at risk of academic failure based on demographics, disability or prior educational achievement.

Many students come to Freire Schools several grade levels behind in math and reading. With Freire's constant individualized support, Freire students don't just catch up – they begin to truly thrive. In 2019, 93% of Freire Schools graduates were accepted to college, and 86% of college-enrolled Freire Schools graduates persist to their second year of college – compared to the national average of 74%.

"As we celebrate our 20th year, we saw an opportunity to highlight each of our four campuses' unique excellence while also streamlining access to information about our network," says Eldron Blackwell, Freire Schools Board President. "Freire Schools teaches our students to settle for nothing less than continuous improvement from themselves, and we hold ourselves to that same standard."

For more information about Freire Schools, please visit www.freireschools.org.

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About Freire Schools

Freire Schools empowers students to build the future. We provide a rigorous education in a safe, creative, and supportive environment that enables and inspires all children to achieve.

Freire Schools are committed to ensuring that every single student who walks through our doors has the opportunity to succeed and grow. We provide students in underserved communities a college-prep learning experience with a focus on individual freedom, critical thinking, and problem solving in an environment that emphasizes community, teamwork, and commitment to peace. We are four distinct schools in two different cities, each guided by the same values of equity, diversity, love, and critical thinking.