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Dear Advanced Arts Program Staff,

I want to clear up a misunderstanding regarding the future of the CPS Advanced Arts Program.

Last week, as the result of some internal miscommunication, we suggested the Advanced Arts Program would be discontinued next year. The truth is, while modifications to this program are being considered, no decision has been made to end or modify the Advanced Arts Program.

Exposure to the arts is a critical part of a well-rounded education, which is why Chicago Public Schools has made a huge effort to expand quality arts education in our schools. We want as many students as possible to have access to the Advanced Arts Program, and we are only considering potential modifications that would extend its reach.

I apologize for the confusion and concern this has caused, and I appreciate your support as we continue this process.

If you have any questions or concerns, I invite you to contact me directly at 773-553-3939 or [eeplummer@cps.edu](mailto:eeplummer@cps.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Plummer", with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the page.

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