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Dear FACTS Family and Supporters,

You have been a great supporter of FACTS, so we wanted to share with you FACTS has applied to the School District of Philadelphia for a new charter (FACTS-2).

We want to provide more opportunities for students to attend FACTS and also to provide a middle school Newcomer program for English Language Learners. Newcomers are students who are new to this country and who need intensive supports to learn English. We are not seeking to open a second school building; rather, we are seeking to bring FACTS and FACTS-2 together in one larger school of up to 847 students.

FACTS-2 Charter School aims to bring together immigrant/refugee and non-immigrant/refugee students in a rich K-8 learning environment that will support the unique language needs of English Language Learners and engage students in understanding their own and others' cultures and communities.

If this new charter school is approved, it will mean that FACTS will be able to impact the lives of more students and families and their communities.

To say we work at our dream job is an understatement. We never thought we would be working at a school that is so much aligned with our own beliefs about education and education reform. FACTS speaks to our hearts and own personal mission as educators. FACTS is not solving the problems of the world, but is definitely making the world a much better place with its impact and influences on our students, families and communities. Thank you so much for your support.

With gratitude,

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Ellen Somekawa, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pheng Lim'.

Pheng Lim, Principal