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Section 1.5: Updated Community Outreach and Support Materials

Since Tier II submittal the Kemet Leadership Team has continued to establish additional relationships that will foster success in our model and to generate support for the Englewood school building housing the Kemet Academy. Our primary method of outreach has been participating with community forums and existing outreach vehicles. These include:

- Presentation Materials – Recruitment Flyer
Englewood Empowerment Zone Flyer
Kemet PowerPoint Presentation (CBE and Curriculum)
- Marketing Relations – Hamilton Park CAC Midnight Circus Ad Book
Resident Association of Greater Englewood Community Meetings
So-So Fresh Englewood Concert in the Park
Greater Auburn Gresham Renaissance Festival
Great Wall of Chicago Art Festival
- Membership – Teamwork Englewood Education Committee
Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color

Members of Kemet's Design Team presented 13 copies of Kemet's PowerPoint presentation and letters of support to the members of the board of Chicago Public Schools September 2018 meeting. In addition to outreach and publicity, the KLA leadership team made the additional program considerations: programmatically the community has asked that we consider additional grade ranges and sites. Specifically additional support has been registered for Kemet to be located on the west side of Chicago (North Lawndale) and the east side – South Chicago community. Grade consideration was both to serve younger students and older. The team is holding off on making these changes until the school is operational during this first contract period with CPS. Additionally with Perspectives leaving the Calumet School, we've been approached once again to be located within this CPS school building. This is a consideration under the auspices of CPS.

One relationship which has been incorporated is a teaching relationship with the University of Illinois program – Call Me Mister – Mentoring program for Men of Color. This resource will serve to provide culturally relevant teachers. The Dean of Education, who has researched on the advancement of literacy development of African American males – Dr. Alfred Tatum is being considered as a Board Member for Kemet.

As we continue community outreach and remain consistent, community opposition and distrust of a relationship with CPS has decreased, while support has increased. Our partnerships has increased by Kemet being adopted into the membership of the Education Committee of the Teamwork Englewood Quality of Life process for Greater Englewood. We have enhanced our partnership and communication with Urban Prep Academy through meetings with past leaders and phone conversations with the Urban Prep Director of Expansions. They support the concept but was concerned about providing a letter of support given an existing conflict they were having with CPS leadership.

In addition to local male education organizations – Kemet has solidified its partnership with Partnership For Boys and Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color. Clyde Cole, founder of P4B and founding member of COSEBC has been with the leadership of KLA several times and discussed professional development and implementation strategies. Mr. Cole shared experiences these organizations faced working on attendance and support of black boys at the college level. As such the KLA Design Team was able to clarify how the Competency Based Curriculum would be transferable across high school and into college. CBE instruction has been strengthened through James Webb and the Think Genius NCCER Craft training certification. This provides standardized national curriculum for students who wish to advance in the studio classes of Kemet.