



# Prairie Seeds Academy

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Dear Families,

As our community looks forward to the joy and relaxation we hope the summer will bring, we want to take a moment to look back and celebrate all we've accomplished as a school during the 2015-2016 school year and to let you know about the exciting and important work we have planned to help the school grow and improve in the year to come.

First, we are so proud of all our students and our PSA community: Our teachers and students have worked very hard in their classes and they have lived into the loving values of our diverse school community. As always, families, we are grateful for your support and humbled by your trust.

Next, as many of you know, PSA has been actively pursuing academic improvement over the last years by refocusing on state standards, creating teacher coaching frameworks and implementing the Gradual Release framework. To increase our efforts – and to meet the charter renewal mandate of our authorizer, Audubon Center of the North Woods – PSA's school board decided to partner with The School Leadership Project (TSLP) to identify a "turnaround" partner for our school who will build on what we've already put in place to dramatically improve academic performance. With the help of TSLP, members of our community will identify the best partner organization with which to carry out a turnaround that can meet these objectives while respecting the sense of family and community that makes PSA such a special place.

We commit to communicating openly and transparently with you about this process, offering frequent updates and opportunities for engagement. We have begun our work with TSLP - you may have met Katie and Dan from TSLP at our Spring Concert on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will establish a committee of parents, board members and staff this summer who will lead a process throughout the fall to identify PSA's turnaround partner by January, 2017. Our turnaround efforts will take full effect in the 2017-2018 school year. We look forward to the opportunity this process will provide to work alongside leaders from throughout our school community to chart a new and exciting course to PSA's bright future.

Throughout this process, we will remain dedicated to what has made PSA an important place for thousands of students and to serving the needs of our community. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions about the process; we appreciate your engagement and we are eager to work with you, our community, to serve our incredible students and support their growth and achievement.

We wish you a wonderful summer and we look forward to our work together next year!

Sincerely,

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