



*From the desk of Richard N. Rickey  
Founder/C.E.O.*

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I'm excited to announce that Phase 3 Construction at Gateway College Preparatory School will begin in December, with substantial completion expected before February 1, 2019. Phase 3 Construction will encompass all the elements in our Phase 3 Master Plan to include:

- The K – 8 Learning Centers, with new science labs and collaborative learning space
- The Main Gymnasium
- Renovations to the existing Auxiliary Gymnasium that will make it more multi-functional and better able to accommodate certain performing arts activities
- Added driveway area for improved student drop off and pick-up
- Additional parking area on the east side of the campus
- Fencing to secure the campus
- Covered walkways
- A beautiful courtyard connecting all the completed buildings.

The Board of Directors selected Joeris General Contractors among several other bidders to complete the work for Orenda Education. Joeris has a stellar reputation in educational facility construction. They have recently completed similar projects for North East ISD, IDEA Public Schools, Manor ISD, and many others.

In the coming days you will receive instructions on how our traffic flow and student walking patterns must change to accommodate the heavy equipment, construction workers, and to assure the maximum safety for our learning community. It's going to be really messy for about 13-14 months, but you are going to love the end result, and so will our students and staff.

I want to end this correspondence by giving a special thanks to all our faithful donors who have contributed to our Gator Club Annual Fund, Legacy Capital Campaign, and in so many other ways. As you all know, charter schools are allowed certain freedoms (can cap enrollment and offer specialized missions), but we must operate with about \$2,000 less revenue per student, per year than traditional ISDs. Without our generous donors none of this would be possible.

Sincerely,

*Richard N. Rickey*