

October 5, 2026

FROM: CHILDREN’S COMMUNITY SCHOOL-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

=====

To our Parents, Donors and Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Children’s Community School, we wanted to take the time to address an important matter that has recently come to light.

Kelly Anelli was terminated from her position as Executive Director in July and is no longer affiliated with Children’s Community School in any respect. The termination was related to administrative actions and was not in any way related to curriculum or student engagement.

We have since been informed by members of the Waterbury Police Department that Ms. Anelli has been arrested. Because there is an ongoing investigation, we are unable to address specific allegations at this time. As we are able to share additional information, we will. Until then, we respectfully request that you direct any inquiries to the Board of Directors at our email address: **board@ccswaterbury.org**.

CCS has since named a highly qualified interim Executive Director and will then undertake a search for a new Executive Director. Rest assured that CCS remains fully focused on our mission to enable our students’ educational success. We enter the 2026-2027 academic year in an atmosphere of normalcy for the benefit of our students, teachers and staff.

Children’s Community School remains on firm financial footing as we enthusiastically pursue our plans for growth and program development. With the ever-extraordinary commitment of our dedicated teachers and staff, and the support of parents and the community, CCS will remain a crown jewel of the Greater Waterbury Community for decades to come.

Very truly yours,

Mina Otajagic, President, Board of Directors

Mina Otajagic