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To Relevant Parties,

Please know that the staff and students of Renaissance Charter Academy in River Falls, Wisconsin, are grateful to the University of Wisconsin - River Falls for the generous donation of many school items that were acquired via an excess inventory option in August, 2015.

As coordinator of the program, and having relevant experiences in several school buildings and districts, I can clearly state that the items we have added via this donation to our program enhance and advance the programs we are delivering to all students. Student communication, classroom utilization, and maximizing useable work spaces throughout our newly renovated space has been accomplished via the donated items. Simply having intake meetings with prospective families and having one set of matching chairs in the building, lends itself to a more presentable look to the classrooms, as opposed to the mixture of chairs that we were using in our previous space. Prior to 2015-16, within single classrooms we did not have a matching set of furniture in any space, and it was noted by some students and families as they evaluated whether to attend Renaissance Academy.

It may be simplistic to consider matching furniture as a "selling point" for a program, but ascetics does created a more organized feel to the building, and programs that are offered at our school. Trapezoidal tables, we have seven donated units from UW-RF, have been used in a variety of configurations as we change courses every quarter, and are currently being used as sewing machine tables that give greater clearance to outlets, for fabric cutting, and piecing items for quilting and other projects together.

As we have not had that opportunity to schedule all of the elective offerings that we have scheduled in the past, I can state we will be finding even more uses for the donated items over time. In other similar programs, we have been limited by lack of movable tables, permanent computer locations, and staff work station mobility issues. In small programs such as we have at Renaissance Academy, flexibility is a key factor for staff to be able to work seamlessly in a variety of classroom settings. All classrooms can be used by each member of the teaching staff, and need to be used for a multitude of high school programmatic offerings. The items we now have allow this creativity to be maximized by our staff.

Sincerely,



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