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Subject: RE: Update

Al

I know your super busy (as am I), but if you have a spare 20 minutes sometime I'd like to get your direct feed back on my concerns about the GOA course and maybe get a feel for when u wanted Samantha from FIRE back, etc.

Tks! Take care.

From: Alfred Harms, Jr. <aharms@lhps.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:01:05 AM
To:
Cc: Derek Daly <ddaly@lhps.org>; Lynn Math <lmath@lhps.org>
Subject: Re: Update

Dear,

Thank you for reaching out. I feel badly that you beat me to the draw for I've had the info below in my "draft" box for several days, and simply overlooked getting it in the air to you! In any case, we're off to a great start of the year, and with Mr. Derek Daly now running the Upper School, we're upgrading many of our practices and policies. More specifically, let me mention two items in detail:

1. Global on-Line AcademY.

As background info, LHPS partners with the Global Online Academy (GOA) to offer students an expanded education through cross-continental collaboration. To navigate an increasingly complex and networked society, GOA helps independent school students from around the world master six core competencies:

- Collaborating with people who live in different locations
- Communicating and empathizing with people who have different perspectives
- Curating and creating content relevant to real-world issues
- Reflecting on and taking responsibility for one's own learning and that of others
- Organizing time and tasks to learn independently
- Leveraging digital tools to support and show learning

Also, all GOA courses are taken for credit, and are taken as part of a student's normal course load. The requirements are the same for any advanced-level course a student might take at LHPS.

With regard to GOA's 'Gender Studies' Course, upon reviewing our course records, we found that 3-5 students have taken the course in question since we affiliated with GOA several years ago, and none of our students have taken the course in the past two y. Beyond those specific course record details, I'm happy to announce that we have updated our oversight process for all GOA courses as follows: whenever an LHPS student requests to participate in a GOA course, our Upper School Assoc. Director for Curriculum and Instruction will review the course content. If we believe it does not meet our academic standards or our school's values/mission, we will notify the student's parents accordingly, and inform them that LHPS will not award academic credit for the course.

2. EIRE Presentation

With regard to another FIRE presentation this year, LHPS is happy and grateful to accept your kind offer to once again sponsor FIRE VP for Procedural Advocacy (Ms.Samantha Harris) to visit LHPS and brief our students (and parents) on their first amendment and constitutional due process rights BEFORE they select a college

or arrive on their college campus. Mr. Daley is scrubbing the Upper School schedule to find a mutually convenient date to support briefing our seniors, juniors and an evening session for our parents. Once we identify possible dates, we will reach out to you and Ms. Harris to solidify a presentation date.

Trust you are doing well, and that _____ has had a great start to the school year!

Warmest regards, Al

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