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Dear Solorio Parents and Families

We are pleased to announce that Solorio Academy High School will be transforming into an Early College STEM School (ECCS) beginning in fall 2018. This new investment will expand access to a 21st Century STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum and allow Solorio students to earn college credits and work toward an associate degree for free while still in high school.

Solorio will partner with a city college and an industry leader to help develop unique curriculum that prepare students for careers in science and technology. External partners will also provide mentorship programming, internships, and other work-based experiences for students.

Through ECCS, Solorio students will have a head-start on earning a college degree and graduate more prepared to explore careers in science and technology. CPS is working toward Mayor Emanuel's goal of 50 percent of all graduates earning at least one college or career credential by 2019, and the expansion of ECCS at Solorio will help your students reach that goal.

This is an exciting time for the Solorio community, and we will be sharing specific information about your school's community partner in the near future. I hope this additional investment in your children's education will help them become the great thinkers and leaders of tomorrow. Solorio has made incredible progress and I look forward to seeing your school community flourish in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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