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Dear Homewood Early Learning Center Families,

I hope you've had a great summer and are looking forward to the academic year ahead.

I'm writing today to provide an update on the Homewood Early Learning Center (ELC) facility, and I want to begin by thanking you for your patience as we worked through some recent maintenance challenges. No one knows better than you and the amazing Downtown Baltimore Child Care (DBCC) staff how the conditions at the current modular facility have struggled to keep pace with the growth and popularity of the ELC program, and these challenges have underscored to me and the university the importance of identifying a better, permanent home for the ELC.

As part of the university's commitment to providing the best possible environment for your child's growth and development, I am excited to share that as part of the evolution and growth of our Homewood campus, we are in the early stages of planning to relocate Homewood Early Learning Center. The current, semi-permanent facility will make way for the [new data science research building](#), and this change provides us with the opportunity we've been looking for to construct a new, state-of-the-art children's space, with input and participation from our ELC families.

Please know that we will be working closely with the DBCC throughout this process, to ensure a smooth transition with minimal disruption for all of our children, as well as for you, our valued parents. Our anticipated move date for the ELC facility will be no earlier than Fall 2025.

We also are dedicated to keeping you informed throughout the site selection and space design process. We plan to host onsite family meetings and to establish a parent committee to help with the planning and transition and help us develop a survey for gathering your ideas and advice for the new facility.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued trust and support. We remain committed to providing the highest quality care and education for your child.

Warm regards,

Meredith Stewart

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