



**The Harley School**  
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**Allendale  
Columbia**  
*School*

Dear Allendale Columbia community,

For more than 100 years, The Harley School and Allendale Columbia School have provided exceptional academic programs, extracurricular opportunities, and unique family-like atmospheres that prepare our students to lead lives of purpose and make a positive impact on the world.

It is with the goal of continuing this tradition that the Harley and Allendale Columbia boards of trustees are pleased to announce they have signed a Letter of Intent to combine the two schools. Since Harley has a larger student body and substantially greater net assets, Harley will lead the affiliation process and assume operational responsibility from June 30, 2019.

Together, by leveraging the strengths of each school, we will create a unified organization that is positioned to excel for the next century.

Our students and families should not notice significant changes during the 2019-2020 school year:

- Through the 2019-2020 academic year, the Harley and Allendale Columbia campuses will operate individually, and students at both schools will experience programs as expected.
- Students currently in grades 11 and 12 will graduate from their current schools.
- Although collaboration will increase in the 2019-2020 school year, leaders will not make significant changes to curriculum until after June 2020.
- Beginning in 2020-2021, families will enjoy the benefits of the unified organizations.

This collaboration offers many exciting opportunities and we recognize the importance of moving thoughtfully through the formal affiliation process. Each school is starting now by listening carefully to its faculty, staff, alumni, student leaders, and families. These connections, including an online survey, town hall-style meetings, and one-on-one conversations, will be conducted during the end of this school year and through all of next year.

**Mick Gee will be hosting a town hall for current families on May 6th at 7 p.m. in the Curtis Performance Center. Please join us. (Note: this is a closed meeting; no media admitted.)**

**In addition, you are invited to participate in our online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HACInputSurvey>.**

This is an extraordinary opportunity to leverage the strengths of both organizations and create a preeminent, unified school that is positioned to excel for the next 100+ years. Together, we will lead the way in educational innovation in Greater Rochester.

We look forward to taking this journey with you.

With warm regards,

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Chair, Board of Trustees, Allendale Columbia School

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