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## THE BLESSED JOURNEY OF YOUR *Generosity*

There are many windows of opportunities in this life, especially placed by Allah (SWT), to purify our souls and gain forgiveness for our sins. These opportunities are open to every single believing individual, young and old, poor and wealthy, ill and healthy, educated and illiterate, it matters not. Some take advantage of these windows, seeking them with every turn and twist in the life of this donya (worldly life), both in happiness and in calamity. For these people called al-Mossaddiqeen, Allah has created a special manzilah, or level, in the heavens for those who give sadaqa consistently. It is the quality for which they are most recognized and is what will witness for them on the Day when nothing can attest for them but their deeds.

It is this group of people who are the best at finding the best bargains and offers, constantly searching and consumed with the Best Deal. The deal granted by He Who created us and assigned for us provisions. Allah (SWT) says, “Who will loan Allah a lofty loan which Allah will double unto his credit and multiply many times?” (2:245). The Mossaddiqeen grasped this deal because they recognized it is like no other that can be granted in this worldly life. My brothers and sisters, Allah has granted us provisions, and He asks that we give from what He has granted us so that He may give us more; how generous is Our Creator (SWT).

So even in times when it is difficult to give sadaqa the Mossaddiqeen remember that it does not decrease their wealth. The Prophet (S) was reported to have stated, “Charity does not decrease wealth, and the servant who forgives, Allah makes him more respected; and the one who shows humility, Allah elevates him in the eyes of the people.”(Muslim)

For this reason, the Mosque Foundation community’s perception of sadaqa has gained it great regard and esteem by other communities. Your sincere commitment to the House of Allah has placed great baraka (blessings) in your wealth and possessions and protects your families and will continue to bi’tinillah. To spend in the cause of Allah by way of propagating His religion is a charity with high merit and great reward.

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## THE BLESSED JOURNEY OF YOUR *Generosity*

The one who spends in the cause of Allah will continue to be rewarded even after his death. He or she is providing a place to pray, a place for one to learn about their religion, and seek counsel. What is spent on the House of Allah will be rewarded with a house in heaven, as Prophet Muhammad (S) was reported to have stated, "Whoever builds a Masjid for Allah, Allah will build for him a similar house in Paradise." (Bukhari)

To ensure that our sadaqat are being accepted we must consider several requirements. First of all, sadaqa must be given from money that is earned in a lawful way. Allah SWT says, "Oh you who believe, spend from what you (lawfully) earned," (2: 267).

Second, when giving sadaqa, the believer must purify his intention and make his purpose just for the sake of gaining Allah's pleasure and reward. The Prophet (S) said, "All deeds are based on intention and everyone will be rewarded according to what he intended." (Bukhari)

Third, the believer should make haste in giving sadaqa and should not delay it without a valid reason. It is also much better for the Muslim to give sadaqa during his life when in need of money, than to wait until death comes to him. Prophet Muhammad (S) was once asked about the best of all charities to which he replied, "The best charity is what you give during your life while you are in need of it."

Fourth, it is more befitting for a Muslim to give sadaqa from his best possessions; that which he loves most. Allah (SWT) says, "By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give (freely as a charity) from that which you love; and whatever you spend Allah knows it well," (3: 92). However, this does not mean that one should lessen the value of his sadaqa if he only has little to give. Prophet Muhammad (S) once said to his companions, "One Dirham could be better in reward than one hundred thousand Dhirhams." A man asked, "And how is that oh Messenger of Allah?" He (S) replied, "A wealthy man takes one hundred thousand Dirhams which is one part of his wealth and gives it as a charity, while a poor man who only has two Dirhams pays one of them as a charity."

So the Mosque Foundation continues to be blessed with a very generous community at our Annual Fundraising Dinner. You have and, we are confident, will continue to answer this call with sincerity and generosity, and we will, by Allah's Will, continue in our joint efforts to answer Allah's call upon us. May Allah swt accept your sadaqat for this institution that serves thousands of men, women and children of our community.

Ameen.



# MFCC ACKNOWLEDGMENT



Every once and a while, MFCC youth programs acknowledge one of its members because of their uniqueness, outstanding efforts and achievements.

This month, the girls program decided to acknowledge and award Yomineh Omer. Yomineh has showed a very high level of dedications and respect. Yomineh has recently joined our youth girls program and she has been an amazing addition. She comes focused and prepared to get help on her homework and seeks tutoring right away. During Salah time, every time you will find Yomineh voluntarily preps our salah area. She is very respectful to the staff and her fellow youth center members. We consider Yomineh a true example of an exceptional member. May Allah swt unfold the treasure of knowledge for her and let her heart be filled with light, insight, understanding and knowledge.

## NOOR GIRLS CELEBRATE THE END OF THEME 1

Noor program, a weekly meeting for girls 9-12 years, has just finished its first theme period (Stories from Quran). In the past few months Noor girls had a lot of fun and gained a lot of knowledge. They learned many stories from Quran; Maryam and Issa AA, Nuh AA, Musa AA and Alkhadir, in addition to Ashab Alkahef. They indeed deserve a small party.



# LAS VIRTUDES DE RECORDAR A EL Creador

Queridos hermanos de fe, les quiero preguntar, ¿Haz tenido hoy la oportunidad de recordar a tu Creador? Todas las bendiciones que estas teniendo desde el momento que abristes tus ojos al amanecer, te recordaste de alabar, de exaltar, de agradecer a tu Creador? Allah (SWAT) ha dicho: Recordadme pues, que Yo os recordare, agradecedme {Mis mercedes} y no seais ingratos. (Sura 2:152) Veemos que esta simple accion que hacemos es una característica de ser agradecidos al Creador, El que nos provee todo.

El profeta (saws) dijo: "La semejanza entre quien recuerda a Allah y quien no lo recuerda, es como el vivo y el muerto." Y dijo (saws) "Acaso no les he informado sobre la mejor de las obras, la mas pura ante vuestro Señor, la que los elevara en grados y es mejor que la distribucion del oro y el dinero, y es mejor que pelear contra el enemigo. Ellos (sus companeros) dijeron: Si informanos! Les dijo (saws): El recuerdo de Allah (SWAT). En una Hadiz Qudsi, Allah (SWAT) dijo: "Yo Soy como mi siervo me considera y estoy con el cuando me recuerda, asi, si me recuerda en si mismo, Yo lo recuerdo en Mi Mismo, y si me recuerda en una reunion, Yo lo recuerdo en una reunion mas grande y mejor, si el se acerca a mi un palmo, Yo me acerco a el un codo y si el se acerca a mi un codo, Yo me acerco a el un brazo, y si el se dirige hacia a mi caminando, Yo me dirijo a El rapidamente." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Relato Abdullah Ibn Busri (raa) que un hombre dijo: ! Oh Mensajero de Allah!, ciertamente las obligaciones del Islam se me han vuelto demasiadas, asi que informame de algo para que me aferre a ello. Dijo: "No dejes que tu lengua cese de recordar a Allah." (Tirmidhi)

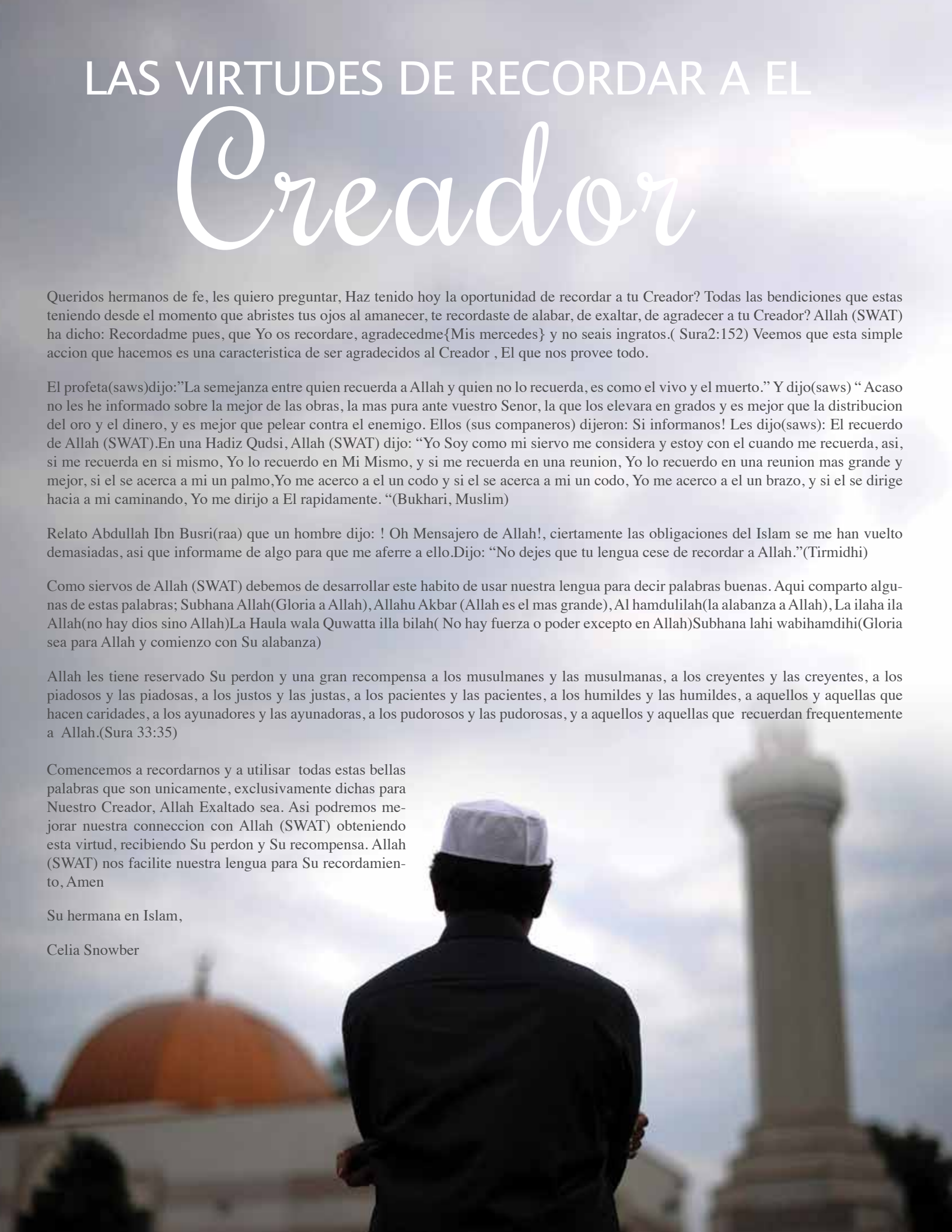
Como siervos de Allah (SWAT) debemos de desarrollar este habito de usar nuestra lengua para decir palabras buenas. Aqui comparto algunas de estas palabras; Subhana Allah (Gloria a Allah), Allahu Akbar (Allah es el mas grande), Al hamdulillah (la alabanza a Allah), La ilaha ila Allah (no hay dios sino Allah) La Haula wala Quwatta illa bilah (No hay fuerza o poder excepto en Allah) Subhana lahi wabihamdihi (Gloria sea para Allah y comienzo con Su alabanza)

Allah les tiene reservado Su perdon y una gran recompensa a los musulmanes y las musulmanas, a los creyentes y las creyentes, a los piadosos y las piadosas, a los justos y las justas, a los pacientes y las pacientes, a los humildes y las humildes, a aquellos y aquellas que hacen caridades, a los ayunadores y las ayunadoras, a los pudorosos y las pudorosas, y a aquellos y aquellas que recuerdan frecuentemente a Allah. (Sura 33:35)

Comencemos a recordarnos y a utilizar todas estas bellas palabras que son unicamente, exclusivamente dichas para Nuestro Creador, Allah Exaltado sea. Asi podremos mejorar nuestra connexion con Allah (SWAT) obteniendo esta virtud, recibiendo Su perdon y Su recompensa. Allah (SWAT) nos facilite nuestra lengua para Su recordamiento, Amen

Su hermana en Islam,

Celia Snowber





# Al-Siddiq School

AL-SIDDIQ SCHOOL PROVIDES A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL AND HOLDS AN OUTDOOR ORIENTATION AND STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FOR OVER 70 STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

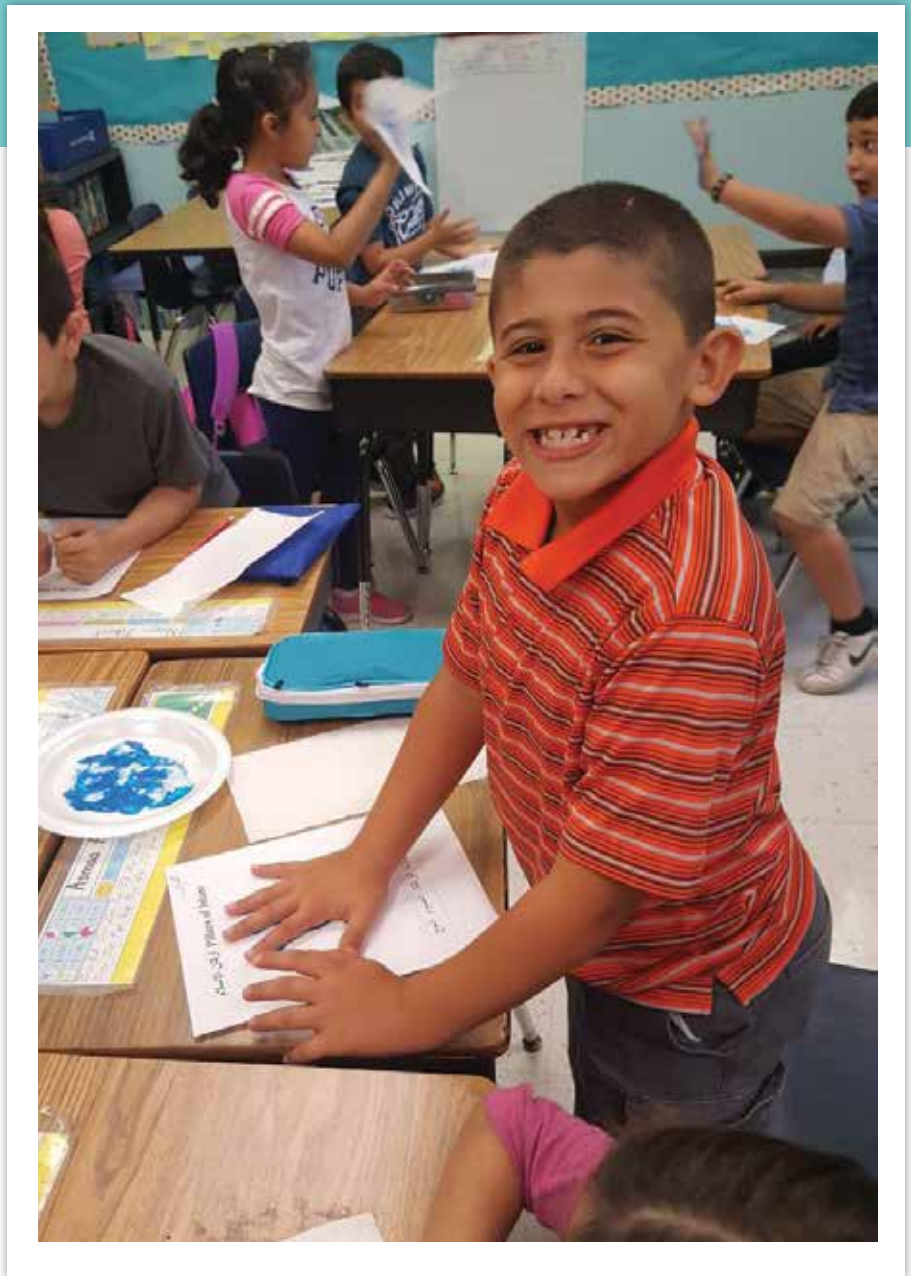
## When It Comes to Proper Quran Tilawah, No Student is Left Behind at Al-Siddiq School

To ensure students success and progress, Al-Siddiq School conducts baseline Quran Tilawa assessment by utilizing **Bidaya** Book for around 600 students so that all students can read Quran properly.

## Al-Siddiq School Is Committed to Preparing Future Leaders and Readers with Its Signature Programs IQRA and IKMD

The School launched the IQRA and I Know My Deen Programs (IKMD) again this year. The objectives of the programs are to strengthen our students' Islamic character, increase their Islamic knowledge, and enhance their appreciation and commitment to our Deen. Through the programs' the students read thousands of pages and undergo a series of tests consisting of hundreds of questions. All students celebrate their achievements toward the end of the year.

**At Al-Siddiq School, teachers renew their commitment to diverse, innovative and interactive teaching strategies** to improve learning outcomes in an exciting and supportive environment and to ensure the encouragement of love of learning in students to achieve their academic goals.



## **Al-Siddiq School Expands its Focus on Building Characters of its Students with Soccer and Basketball** **Al-Siddiq School launched another season of Basketball on Sundays.**

Basketball tryouts were held on October 8th to choose the best players to join our basketball team for this year.



ANOTHER SOCCER SEASON FOR STUDENTS 5-15  
YEARS OF AGE ALSO STARTED

## **Al-Siddiq School Continues its Strive for Excellence and Holds an Inservice Training Day on October 15th, 2017 for all its teachers**

We at Al-Siddiq School are investing in our students by enriching the teachers' capabilities and teaching styles to meet the expectations of our students, families, and community.

