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Marian Middle School Joins the Mosaic Ambassador School Program to Welcome a Diverse Student and Faculty Body

St. Louis, MO – The St. Louis Mosaic Project is pleased to announce that Marian Middle School (MMS) is the latest school to take part in our Ambassador School Program, a program that encourages schools in the Saint Louis area to welcome foreign-born students and their families into our community in order to promote regional prosperity and economic growth.

Sarah Heger, School Principal at Marian Middle School has conveyed her dedication about the program in her effort to focus on highlighting the positive achievements, “Mosaic is taking incredible initiatives to encourage and welcome foreigners to our region. We look forward to the partnership and connecting to other organizations for the benefit of our students and families as well as our region as a whole.”

Marian Middle School’s mission is to serve adolescent girls of all religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds and to foster comprehensive development as a foundation for college readiness. The school’s diverse student population includes various ethnic and religious backgrounds. The school has demonstrated interest in integrating foreign families in the community through programs which include translating weekly newsletters for Spanish speaking families, the English Tutoring Project for students with English as a second language, a February Diversity Program that gives students, families and staff the opportunity to celebrate diversity, and the utilization of the Language Access Metro Project (LAMP) to provide translation during parent-student-teacher conferences, back-to-school night and other information sessions.

In addition, Marian Middle School encourages diversity in their hiring. Members of their staff speak Portuguese, French and Spanish. With their efforts to connect with the community, Marian Middle School has a partnership with Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Professional Latino Action Network, and Immigrant Services Provider Network in order to guarantee new ways of welcoming additional diversity into the student, staff and committee communities.

Marian Middle School hosted their first foreign exchange student and will continue to seek ways to invite and welcome additional diversity in their student population, staff, board and committees.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis to be lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center and a 27-member committee. Its goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. Learn more at www.stlmosaicproject.org.