

# **Top 5- February 20, 2024**

### 1. Coal Creek Canyon Update - Fully Invested

As many of you will have heard, JA's Board is currently evaluating whether the addition of Coal Creek Canyon K-8 is not only financially and operationally feasible, but mutually beneficial and aligned with the JA mission and vision. At our February Board meeting, we were introduced to four of the most invested moms you'll ever meet. Their passion to have a charter school for their children was clear in their determination to rally their community and local businesses to make their hopes a reality. We have long enjoyed kids coming to JA, and it may be time to bring JA to their kids. The Board has set an enrollment/funding bar that would need to be reached in order to make Coal Creek Canyon a feasible venture. While we do not yet know where this will land, we know that student success, strategic alignment, and community are at the heart of this endeavor. The Board will make a final determination on the potential JA Coal Creek Canyon campus at the March 12 meeting.

## 2. Building the JA K-12 Community

We continuously seek ways to unite our JA community and are excited to showcase a recent instance of collaboration across all campuses and programs. During a recent JA High School Basketball game, our Summit students impressed with their singing of the National Anthem, while our 5th grade JA Elementary Students showcased their basketball skills during halftime. This event truly exemplifies the spirit of our JA community coming together, and we eagerly anticipate more moments like this across all our campuses and programs.

#### 3. BOD Election

JA Board of Directors elections are coming up in May! There are three open positions. Know someone who would be a good fit? Please encourage them to submit a letter of interest! Wonder what it's like to serve on the Board? Reach out to one of the current Board members for insight! Candidate letters will be accepted in either school office or via email to Agnessa Vartanova at <a href="mailto:avartanova@jaiags.com">avartanova@jaiags.com</a> through Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

### 4. Thank You for Your Participation

Thank you to all the parents who have participated in our recent meetings, whether in person or online, or provided insight through our SWOT Analysis survey. Your feedback, especially those who have shared public comments, is greatly appreciated and we are actively taking it into consideration to make informed decisions. We encourage all members of the JA community to continue to join us at our regularly scheduled meetings or strategic plan study sessions and share your thoughts. We value your input greatly!

## 5. Staff Surveys

The Board extends its appreciation to all the staff members who participated in the Annual Staff Survey. Once again, we are pleased to report an impressive response rate from both the Elementary and Secondary campuses and from our two Summit programs, achieving a 100% response rate at the Secondary level. Your valuable and sincere feedback is appreciated.

We have taken note of the improvements in Academic Rigor & Core Values, along with other areas where our JA leadership could benefit from further development. The Board has initiated discussions on incorporating the survey feedback into various aspects of our operations. Strategic Planning, in alignment with our Strategic Pillar of having a Talented Team, has been identified as a key area for implementing these insights. Additionally, ongoing discussions with K-12 leadership will continue, focusing on areas highlighted in the surveys as opportunities for growth.

Sincerely,

#### **Your JA Board**

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