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The St. Louis Mosaic Project Adds Its Fifth School to Ambassador School Program

ST. LOUIS, MO - The St. Louis Mosaic Project is thrilled to announce that Nahed Chapman New American Academy (NCNAA) has become a part of the St. Louis Mosaic Project as our fifth Mosaic Ambassador School and our first public school in the program. As a Mosaic Ambassador School the New American Academy initiated an action plan to further assist refugee and immigrant students who live in the city of St. Louis, and to contribute to the region and the St. Louis Mosaic Project in achieving its goal - the fastest-growing U.S. metropolitan area for foreign-born by the year of 2020.

The partnership with the St. Louis Mosaic Project aligns with the NCNAA's mission to "prepare for global academic success," as well as to "create a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for learning." In addition to its mission, the goals of NCNAA are to accelerate the acquisition of the English language skills and the adaptation to the U.S culture and school system, and to increase awareness of educational expectations and opportunities.

The Nahed Chapman New American Academy is taking a global initiative to foster the international community in St. Louis. It will execute a variety of actions to achieve its goals as a St. Louis Mosaic Ambassador School. These actions include providing orientation to education in the United States and school in St. Louis to newcomer parents and students, assisting with transition to St. Louis Public Schools mainstream neighborhood and magnet schools, and educating refugee and immigrant families through a series of parent meetings.

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's goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. This regional initiative is professionally managed by the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership., World Trade Center St. Louis and a 22- Member Committee.

For more information about The St. Louis Mosaic Project, please visit www.StLMosaicProject.org

About Nahed Chapman New American Academy

Opened in 2009, the International Welcome School (IWS) creates a safe and nurturing school environment for immigrant students with limited English and low formal education, many war refugees, and some struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

IWS students receive accelerated English training, an introduction to the US culture and school system, and exposure to educational expectations and opportunities. English Language Learner (ELL) teachers, Counselors, Social Workers and program Instructional Coordinators assist and monitor students' in the following areas: listening, speaking, reading, writing, math, science and social studies, and degree of self confidence and ability to adjust, before transitioning students into a regular classroom environment.

Learn more about Nahed Chapman New American Academy at <http://www.slps.org/NCNAA>