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Gotsch Intermediate becomes Ambassador School of St. Louis Mosaic Project

(May 14, 2020) ST. LOUIS— Gotsch Intermediate has become the third ambassador school from the Affton School District to join the Mosaic program. St. Louis Mosaic Project encourages member schools to reinforce an internationally welcoming and inclusive culture through pledges unique to each school. The vision for all Affton schools is to develop students as responsible citizens prepared for the challenges of the global society. Similarly, the St. Louis Mosaic Project aims to expand the communities of the foreign born, and to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing metropolitan area by 2025.

Moving to a new country can be intimidating. Luckily, English language learners at Gotsch have the tools and resources they need to help mitigate any potential challenges they might face. These students come from diverse backgrounds and speak a variety of different languages including Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, French, Gujarati, Kurdish, Pashto, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Not only do the children speak multiple languages, but Gotsch's staff also speak various languages. Tutoring sessions are also available for any student who needs additional assistance. Gotsch provides multilingual communications as well as website destinations for those who speak other languages.

Gotsch is currently in the process of adding flags and murals to make the foreign-born feel more at home. As a Mosaic Ambassador School, Gotsch Intermediate School plans to promote a more inclusive environment by hosting World Fairs Night, in which students are able to showcase their cultures from all over the world. There are now 67 schools in the Mosaic Ambassador School program.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project

The St. Louis Mosaic Project began in 2013 under the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership and the World Trade Center-St. Louis. Its goals are to make St. Louis the fastest growing US major metropolitan area for immigration by 2025 and to increase the foreign-born regional population by 25,000. Mosaic is a public/private partnership supported by a 32-member steering committee comprised of a diverse mix of regional business, civic, economic development, faith, agency and academic leaders. For more information, visit www.stlmosaicproject.com.

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