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Valley Park School District Joins Mosaic Ambassador School Program

St. Louis, MO_July 15, 2024 - The Valley Park School District is pleased to become a member of the Saint Louis Mosaic Project Ambassador School Program. The Saint Louis Mosaic Ambassador School Program provides partnerships with schools throughout the region that are committed to fostering an internationally welcoming and inclusive culture.

"We are incredibly excited to announce our partnership with the St. Louis Mosaic Project Ambassador School Program." Dr. Tim Dilg, Superintendent of Valley Park School District, said. "By collaborating with established community partners like the St. Louis Mosaic Project, we can better serve our students and families and further our district's mission of providing a safe and supportive environment where every student feels a sense of belonging. This partnership showcases our commitment to inclusivity, recognizing individual differences, and celebrating our student body's diverse contributions and talents. It also greatly enhances our ability to engage parents and the community in our efforts to personalize learning experiences and best prepare our students for a world of limitless opportunities."

Valley Park School District is a culturally and linguistically diverse community representative of families with more than 28 primary languages. Intentional efforts are in place to nurture connections with families, such as maintaining a district website with embedded translation capabilities and sending school communications through a platform that can translate information into a family's preferred language. The English Language Development team participates in district-wide events, Meet the Teacher Night, Open House and Soar into Summer, to facilitate building relationships and provide opportunities for families to share feedback on

their children's educational experiences. Valley Park School District promotes the value of learning multiple languages to students with many students being awarded the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy each year.

"I am excited for the Valley Park School District to join the St. Louis Mosaic Ambassador Schools program as it will help us to support the needs of our culturally and linguistically diverse students and their families. This partnership will enable us to ensure that our students can access the essential resources and support that are necessary for their success," said English Language Development program coordinator Dr. Michelle Sencibaugh.

About Valley Park School District

The Valley Park School District is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment of belonging where personalized learning experiences prepare our students holistically for limitless opportunities, empowering them to make the world a better place. The district educates about 800 students and is located in the southwest corner of St. Louis County in Valley Park, Missouri. It encompasses 4.6 square miles and includes a large area of the City of Valley Park, the Village of Twin Oaks, and a section of unincorporated St. Louis County. District boundaries are Big Bend on the north, Barrett Station Road on the east, the Meramec River on the south, and Hanna Road on the west. Within the district boundaries are approximately 3,834 households with 1,456 registered voters.

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's lagging immigrant growth and highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center St. Louis, and a 32-member committee. The St. Louis Mosaic Project's goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest-growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2025, design and support regional attraction strategies, and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. For more information about the St. Louis Mosaic Project, please visit www.stlmosaicproject.org/ or email ecohen@worldtradecenter-stl.com.

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