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Dear Frontier Families,

I am excited to share an important milestone for our Frontier community. Frontier Schools has been officially approved by the Missouri State Board of Education to open a new STEM-focused public charter school, Frontier STEM Academy – Elementary, scheduled to open in the 2027–2028 school year in Columbia.

This achievement reflects the strength of our students, families, and staff, and the work happening every day across our schools. Over the past 18 years, Frontier has grown into a high-performing network, earning the highest APR score in Kansas City and ranking among the top six percent of districts statewide.

As we expand to Columbia, we will bring the same commitment to high expectations, strong STEM education, and a supportive, student-centered environment. We are also excited to partner with the Columbia community to build a school that reflects the needs of local families.

The new school will initially serve approximately 200 students in grades PK–2, with plans to grow in the coming years. This expansion allows us to extend Frontier’s impact and provide more students with access to the kind of educational experience our families value.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Frontier community. Your support and partnership continue to make a difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

Ugur Demircan
Superintendent
Frontier Schools