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Arts Academy Charter Middle School Fulfills Goal of Buying Building

SALISBURY TWP., PA – It’s official! The Foundation for Arts Academy Charter Middle School has bought the former Washington School on Emmaus Avenue in Salisbury Township to support the school, which has been renting the building since it opened in 2012. According to Arts Academy Executive Director William Fitzpatrick, the foundation is a nonprofit affiliate of the public charter school and will be listed as the owner of the building. Buying the building has been a goal of the 10-year old school so they can improve the facilities for their growing programs.

The charter school provides a cost-free education to middle school students interested in an arts-based education. Along with academics, the school provides instruction in visual arts, theater, dance, figure skating, literary arts, and vocal and instrumental music. Kim Jamison, former board president and current AACMS Foundation president is “delighted” that the school is building future equity with the purchase, which she says will permit possibly building a new school to include improved performance spaces for the budding artists.

Adds Jamison, “Many thanks must go to the board members, staff, students, parents, and alumni! We could not have done it without you!”

Mr. Fitzpatrick added, “We are currently commemorating our tenth year, and welcome this re-birth of our school as we can now assume the ownership and operation of the facilities which has served as a haven for the dreams of students in grade 5 through 8 interested in an arts-based education.”

The purchase is especially poignant for President of the Board of Directors, Scott Kiefer, who attended Washington School as a child and sent his daughter to the current performing arts middle school in the same building. “It is a great source of pride to see this acquisition take place, securing a brighter future for the arts in my hometown,” he commented.

Adds Fitzpatrick: “We look forward to many more years of service to the greater educational community and the opportunities offered on a cost-free basis at our school.”

For more information about Arts Academy Charter Middle School, please go to www.arts-cs.org or look for exciting videos and posts of the school on social media.