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Birmingham's First Charter School Announces Location

Legacy Prep will begin serving students in August 2019

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Jan. 24, 2019) – Birmingham's first public charter school, [Legacy Prep](#), today announced that it has secured its physical location at the Daniel Payne Community Plaza, a multi-use facility that also serves as the Daniel Payne College Legacy Village. Legacy Prep is now enrolling students and hiring teachers and staff.

In its inaugural year, Legacy Prep will enroll 120 kindergarten through second grade students. Legacy's school year will begin in August 2019.

A charter school is an independently run public school that is granted greater flexibility in its operations in return for greater accountability for performance. Legacy Prep is a community-focused school that prioritizes equity and will primarily serve students in the community in which the Daniel Payne Community Plaza is located.

"We are forever grateful to the Daniel Payne Community Plaza staff for their belief in our vision and providing a place for Legacy Prep to call home. Soon, 120 beautiful and brilliant kings and queens will enter our building ready to establish their legacy," said Jonta Morris, founder and CEO of Legacy Prep. "We also wish to express our sincerest gratitude to all of our local and national partners who've supported us throughout this journey."

To date, Legacy Prep has raised over \$2 million, with \$1.1 million awarded from the U.S. Department of Education through a Charter Schools Program Developer Grant. The school maintains a committed board of directors and plans to deepen its partnership with the Daniel Payne Community Plaza, which offers GED courses throughout the year and summer camps for children.

"Legacy Prep's new partnership with the Daniel Payne Community Plaza is a fortuitous moment for children and families in the Birmingham Area," said Miles McCauley, board member for Legacy Prep. "This school will be an amazing incubator of learning, opportunity and love, and is a landmark achievement for our city."

Legacy Prep will utilize both extended day and extended year models. Also, the school will align personnel to the needs of students and actively connect classrooms with the community.

"We believe Legacy Prep's work is invaluable, and we are excited to be a part of this endeavor," said Jermaine Richardson, executive director of the Daniel Payne College Legacy Village Foundation. "We are looking forward to a very fruitful collaboration with the school and its students."

Families who are interested in enrollment can submit enrollment forms at LegacyPrepAL.org/enroll. Teachers and other interested job seekers can apply for positions with Legacy Prep by visiting LegacyPrepAL.org/careers.

If you are interested in supporting Legacy Prep, please visit LegacyPrepAL.org/donate.

About Legacy Prep

Legacy Prep is the first public charter school in Birmingham, Alabama. Legacy Prep is a grassroots school that is relentless in its pursuit to provide an exceptional education experience for the future leaders of Birmingham and beyond. Legacy Prep is student-centered, community-focused and impact-driven. The school will open its doors to students and families in August 2019 at the Daniel Payne Community Plaza. For more information visit LegacyPrepAL.org.