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Dear CityStep Parents and Families,

We are writing to welcome you and your child into the CityStep program! The CityStep teachers are so excited to be working with the sixth grade class at Cambridge Street this year and cannot wait to get to know your kids over the next month. This letter will include further details about CityStep, your child's class, and what you can all expect from us this coming year.

First, what is CityStep? CityStep consists of 35 Harvard undergraduates who teach dance to Cambridge fifth, sixth, and seventh graders, emphasizing the arts as a means of self-expression; We spend the school year playing games, practicing dance, and working on performance skills, all building up to a big-time Final Show at the end of the year where our students get to show off what they've learned. For more information, check out our website at "hu.citystep.org".

Secondly, we'd like to introduce ourselves. Our names are Emelie Coleman and Jeremy Venook, and we are the Executive Directors of CityStep. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns as the year goes on; we've listed our contact info at the bottom of this letter. The CityStep Classroom Director for the CSUS class will also be in touch shortly with more specifics for the year. Classes this year will take place Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8:45am.

Thirdly, we've listed out some key dates for the year to come. After CityStep classes begin, a Mini Performance will close out the semester in early December. We will resume classes the week of Monday, January 26, and an All-Day Rehearsal, which occurs on Harvard's campus, will take place on Saturday, February 7. Our Final Show performances will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11 at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School (Friday) and on Harvard's Campus (Saturday), with technical and dress rehearsals that week. Lastly, we will host a celebratory picnic on Harvard's campus on a weekend after the Final Show. All of these dates can be found on our website at hu.citystep.org/calendar.html.

Finally, CityStep requires all students to have a complete a **signed behavioral contract** (see attached) on file by the first day of CityStep. Please return this form via email or ask your student to bring it with him/her on the first day of CityStep class. The forms can all be found on the CityStep Harvard website and will be distributed to the students during their first CityStep class.

We are incredibly excited for this upcoming year! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Emelie Coleman and Jeremy Venook

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