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From groundbreaking program to proud institution

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in our FOCUS program—a special music enrichment program for students in kindergarten from underrepresented communities (i.e. African American, Latino, Native American) in Boston and surrounding communities. FOCUS is a stand-alone program where children participate in 1 hour a week of animated music activities that unite music and movement and observe presentations where musicians give lively demonstrations of different musical instruments. At the end of the program there is a recital where the students show their newly acquired musical skills for families and friends. FOCUS is a component of Project STEP (String Training and Educational Program), and will take place on Saturday afternoons from January 29 through May 21, 2010 at the New England Conservatory.

FOCUS 2010 was a great success, with 60 participants from numerous schools in the greater Boston area. Many FOCUS students are continuing their musical studies at the New England Conservatory and Community Music Center of Boston, among many others. Four students are now enrolled in Project STEP as first year students in the Youth Preparatory Division.

Attached is the FOCUS brochure and application form. The application will also be available online for download/print from our website (www.projectstep.org). Please read all the information carefully and return the application along with the **\$35 registration fee** to the Project STEP office **no later than January 7, 2010**. Please make checks or money orders payable to Project STEP. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Project STEP office at info@projectstep.org. Feel free to share this information with any other eligible children who you believe may be interested in our FOCUS program.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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