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Dear Students and Families of Leadership Academy for Young Men,

I am saddened to share that at the February 8 Board of Education meeting, we announced the closure of Leadership Academy for Young Men at the end of this academic year.

Unfortunately, we remain in a situation where the need for school closures is a reality. Our enrollment continues to decline, we have undersubscribed and low-performing schools, and recommendations in our NYS [academic](#) and [fiscal](#) plans call for a reduction of the District's footprint. In consideration of all these factors, I am implementing a well-planned closure that will allow students, families, and staff to make a thoughtful and orderly transition to another school community.

We want to make your transition to a new school as smooth, simple, and successful as possible. In the coming weeks, we will begin working with students and families to talk about placement options in other school communities. My goal is to provide a high-quality education with robust programming and all the necessary supports that every scholar deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesli C. Myers-Small".

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