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- Develop extraordinary success involving Academic Achievement, Artistic Beauty and Athletic distinction<sup>ii</sup> to serve God, their families, their communities and the world.

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