Erie Preparatory Academy

Urgent Financial Update and Anticipated Closure

Dear Erie Prep Staff, Students, Families, and Community Partners,

It is with deep sadness that I share an urgent update concerning Erie Preparatory Academy.

Based on the financial information currently available to me, the school does not have sufficient funding to continue operations beyond approximately Monday, November 23, 2026. Unless sufficient additional funding or another viable arrangement is secured, I anticipate that the school will need to cease operations at that time. Families and staff should begin preparing for that possibility now.

I submitted my resignation from the Board of Directors effective September 3, 2026, and remain employed by Erie Preparatory Academy. My transition from Executive Director to a role focused on advancement was already in process, although I have not received confirmation that the change was formally approved. I am sharing the financial information currently available to me so that families and staff can prepare. I am not announcing a Board-approved closure decision or speaking on behalf of the Board.

Despite that uncertainty, I believe families, students, staff, and those who support the school need prompt information so they can prepare.

Parents and guardians should begin exploring alternative educational arrangements, including contacting their resident school district or prospective receiving school. Arrangements for student records, transfers, and any applicable boarding or international-student needs will require prompt coordination. Staff will also need specific information concerning employment, payroll, and benefits as those matters are confirmed.

I recognize that this announcement raises serious questions, including questions about tuition, outstanding obligations, and the timing of any closure. I cannot provide confirmed answers to all of those questions today, and I do not want to make promises that the school may be unable to fulfill.

I will share further verified information as it becomes available. Please direct questions to me at Phil.Gernovich@gmail.com so they can be documented and addressed with the appropriate people.

I am deeply sorry for the uncertainty and hardship this situation creates. Erie Prep has meant a great deal to me and my family, and I am grateful for the trust, service, and sacrifices of our students, families, staff, and supporters. My concern now is that everyone receives honest information and that students' educational needs receive immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Phillip A. Gernovich
Erie Preparatory Academy