



April 1, 2026

Dear Agamim Families, Staff, and Supporters,

We are deeply thankful that our small, diverse, and close-knit classical public school has met an important need in our community. Agamim has been defined by rigor and virtue for all, by love and connection, and by a shared joy in learning and serving others. We also are very proud that our beautiful mission for public education has been shared by thousands of children, staff, families, partners, and champions during our time as an academy.

#### Action Taken by Agamim's Board of Directors on March 30

After a year of careful study regarding the current state and future viability of Agamim Classical Academy, **the Agamim Board of Directors voted at their regular Board meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026, to close Agamim Classical Academy effective June 30, 2026.**

#### Reasons for the Board's Decision and Factors Affecting that Decision

This decision was complex and difficult, and we know this will be challenging for our Agamim community, supporters, and partners to receive. Our small charter school has been successful by nearly every measure over the 11 years of our existence.

However, the next several years are expected to bring significant headwinds for public schools, and small schools like Agamim will face particular difficulty sustaining a program of excellence at our current standards.

To shed more light on what led to this decision, several factors were reviewed by the Agamim leadership team and Board of Directors to determine Agamim's near- and long-term ability to sustain a high-quality classical program that our scholars and community deserve. These factors included funding uncertainties at the state and federal levels; known funding cuts at the state level; declining public school enrollment post-COVID; decreasing birthrate with fewer Minnesota children to educate in the future; rising operational costs; a smaller pool of licensed educators seeking positions; and expansion of larger and more resourced school programs in our enrollment area.

While our Agamim leadership team and Board of Directors have managed to respond proactively and creatively to each of these challenges over the years, the Board and leadership team no longer see a viable path forward to continue to do so.

It is extremely difficult to contemplate losing a school we all love and that has been recognized by the *Star Tribune* as "beating the odds" in public education due to the success of our students. By choosing to end our program on a high note, Agamim can finish the year strong for its students, staff, and families, and meet its obligations to our community and partners with greater clarity and certainty.

#### Understanding the History of Agamim

We also want to acknowledge the unceasing and abundant outpouring of support, dedication, loyalty, hard work, and ingenuity that has sustained Agamim through each life phase.

Agamim began with our founding in 2015, opening with 70 students in grades K–4. By 2019, we had outgrown our school in Hopkins and moved to our home in Edina, expanding to K–8. During the pandemic years, Agamim reimaged classical education and graduated our first class of eighth graders online.

Post-pandemic, Agamim saw strong strategic investment from the internal and wider community, and implementation of our most ambitious and successful strategic plan for academics, operations, talent, and leadership.

### Agamim's Legacy

None of this was possible without every single Agamim family, scholar, staff member, Board member, founder, donor, partner, volunteer, vendor, and friend. Your legacy lives on in the memories of thousands of children and in the lives they will lead and uplift.

Every day together has been precious, and every ounce of the community's faith in our school will be cherished. Through the charter public school movement, 121 graduates and more than 1,000 students, representing 48 Metro area cities, 32 resident districts, and 5 continents, speaking 34 home languages, were able to share in this beautiful educational experience.

We are deeply grateful to Minnesota for pioneering the charter school movement as a way to expand the outreach and excellence of public education for every child in our state. It has been an honor to serve the public trust and discern successful ways of helping children from all backgrounds thrive in their learning.

### Finishing Strong

Thankfully, we are not done yet. We have a few months more together to ensure that this school year is our very best ever at Agamim Classical Academy—both academically and as a school family (past and present)—to celebrate all we have accomplished over the years and to set everyone up on the best path for the future. We appreciate your help in making these final weeks meaningful for our students and staff.

### How we will support you in your transition to a plan for the 2026-2027 school year

As we hear from you and respond to your questions, we will prepare a Q&A and continue to update it over the coming weeks. **Please submit all transition-related questions to [questions@agamim.org](mailto:questions@agamim.org) and continue to use [info@agamim.org](mailto:info@agamim.org) for day-to-day inquiries.** In the meantime, please know that we will work closely with our families to find the best school possible for your child. For our staff, you also will receive counseling and reference materials to help you find the best fit for your many talents.

### Our deep gratitude

As your founding Executive Director, thank you to everyone for welcoming our school and me into your lives for all these years. You are my forever joy and treasure in a career that I still cannot believe I am blessed enough to have found almost 25 years ago.

As Board Chair, I want to personally thank this community, and those who founded this school, for creating a place where the spirit of *E Pluribus Unum* came alive for my children and so many others. I am deeply grateful to the staff, families, volunteers, and community members whose commitment and care made Agamim what it has been.

*With a heart filled with gratitude for what we have been able to do and will continue to do together,*

**Ms. Miranda Morton**, Founding Executive Director

**Mr. Ben Maurer**, Agamim Board Chair, on behalf of Agamim's Board of Directors