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To the parents of our students and members of the West Point community:

We are a three-member select committee created by the Board of Directors last month when it became apparent that an upcoming (now-published) article raised questions and concerns that merit a thorough, impartial review of More Than Me's governance, administration and oversight of its Liberian schools.

The select committee is made up of board members with no business ties to More Than Me and who joined the board toward the end of 2015, after the events related to Macintosh Johnson's heinous conduct took place.

We are taking the following immediate actions:

We will select a law firm with education and investigatory expertise to conduct an in-depth, independent audit of our organization, including our governing structure.

We are working closely with More Than Me's Liberian Advisory Board, which will oversee a separate investigation conducted by a Liberian-based law firm.

Both firms will submit their findings and recommendations to the select committee, which will present them to the Board of Directors. The board is committed to taking all appropriate actions in response.

The Board of Directors and the Liberian Advisory Board are in touch with the appropriate Liberian government authorities to provide any information they may request.

In light of the audit and the investigation, Founder and CEO Katie Meyler has informed the board that she is taking a leave of absence, effective immediately, until they are completed.

In her [letter](#) to the board, Katie explained, *"I support the Advisory Board's decision and will cooperate fully with the investigative firm, and I believe stepping aside while the investigation is underway will further the goal of a thorough and impartial review. I'm confident that the results from this investigation will outline the best way forward for More Than Me."*

Our chief program officer will be taking over Katie's responsibilities while she is on leave, with the support of a new management committee. More Than Me's mission and programs will continue without interruption.

Additionally, Skip Borghese, the Board Chair has resigned, effective immediately, and released the following statement:



“This is an inflection point for More Than Me and I want to clear the way for new leadership that will continue to carry our mission forward. To the staff, faculty, parents, and students, my confidence in MTM and all of you has never been greater and so today I leave filled with hope. I am deeply proud of you. You have been and will continue to be the source of MTM’s strength. Never give up and know today and always that I will never give up on you.”

More Than Me was founded to provide Liberian girls with a quality education and access to a better life. We are committed to our schools and our students, and we understand that we have no greater responsibility than to protect them from harm, especially by the very people who are supposed to be keeping them safe.

We fell short, and we are determined to learn all that we can from this painful chapter and to continue to support the girls who were victimized. To that end, we will be directing the auditors and investigators to recognize that their work, however necessary, can retraumatize a victim and to conduct their work with as much sensitivity as possible. We also will establish a mechanism for anyone to submit information to the investigative firms anonymously.

Information about the steps we are taking will be available on the More Than Me [website](#), and we will be transparent in communicating the findings and recommendations we receive, as well as reporting regularly on the steps we are taking to ensure our students are safe and cared for.

Signed:

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Select Committee Members of the Board of Directors