

# 1 *Strengthen Lower School Academics to Enhance the Value for Our Families and the Marketplace*

INITIATIVE	IMPACT
<p>Hiring a PT math specialist to focus on grades 3-5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will allow teachers to more effectively meet children where they are, whether they excel in math or need additional support</li> <li>• Will ensure greater proficiency and confidence to go further in math</li> </ul>
<p>Adding a PT assistant in grade 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will support a lower teacher/ student ratio</li> <li>• Will allow teachers time to work with individuals and plan meaningful lessons</li> </ul>
<p>Integrating a best in class grammar program into the curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will increase students' proficiency</li> <li>• Will better coordinate the teaching of grammar throughout all LS grades</li> </ul>
<p>Infusing more writing into the curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will strengthen students' writing and provide more real time feedback to ensure continuous learning</li> <li>• Will better prepare students for the writing demands of MS</li> </ul>
<p>Focusing on 5th grade as a culmination of LS and a bridge to MS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will better challenge, support, and motivate 5th graders to excel in all of their studies</li> <li>• Will better prepare them for a successful transition to MS</li> </ul>

