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**Subject:** Sistema Tulsa Enrollment and Vision (Follow up to Maranatha request)

I am pleased to answer your questions and share further insight into our work.

The **enrollment process** for **Sistema Tulsa** began in February with a meeting with the TPS Superintendent of Schools followed by numerous talks with other school leaders including Principals, Teachers, and PTA leaders. Potential candidates were presented. Ultimately, our Advisory Committee decided that we would select Burroughs, Lee, and Chouteau (pending decision to migrate to Traditional Calendar). As of today, we have delivered over 200 applications to the schools. I estimate that we will have selected and notified 80 students by June 8-12. The application and enrollment process follows a rigorous research-based approach guided by the Center for Music-in-Education in Boston, MA that will give us insight into the aspirations of our inaugural class.

Our **long-term vision** is to sustain opportunities for an intensive pursuit of musical excellence that, over time, will help children to develop transformative skills that contribute to their success in life. We begin with 80 students. In later years, as we mature, we gradually include other schools and launch satellite and/or special programs. Eventually, we would have made a strong research based case for music education as a compassionate and transformative experience in the lives of underserved youth; and garner wide public and private support to scale our program to serve many more students throughout the district. How we grow is further explained in the document I am enclosing.

I hope this answers your questions and that you can support us. I am counting on you.

Blessings.

Jose Luis

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