

Feb. 13, 2020

Dear Contemporary Learning Academy Families:

It is our priority to keep you informed about incidents that impact our school and community. Several of you have called our office asking questions about the new Harm Reduction Action Center opening at the corner of Eight Avenue and Lincoln Avenue in the former Le Central French restaurant. I am writing to let you know what we have learned about the center.

We have been in contact with Lisa Raville, Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Action Center. She shared with us that they are a community-based public health agency that has spent the last 17 years working with individuals who struggle with drug addiction. They provide direct service and health education classes, work on advocacy and policy, and provide technical assistance to healthcare providers and law enforcement. The facility will be open for their participants from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday – Friday. From noon until 2 p.m., they offer classes that are small and monitored. In addition, they offer tours to healthcare providers, parole, probation and law enforcement from noon until 4 p.m.

Lisa also emphasized that they are committed to being good neighbors and shared that the HRAC has a proven track record of increasing public safety in neighborhoods where the facility has been located. She said that, for the past 7 years, the HRAC has been in neighborhood Good Neighbor Agreements with local neighborhood associations and will continue. Lisa said that in 2018, the HRAC won the "Award for Creating a Safe Neighborhood" from the Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Association. She also told us that she and her team are extremely responsive to any neighbor questions, issues, or concerns and are invested in the health and safety of the neighborhood in which they serve.

Thank you for your ongoing support. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sandra Just
Principal