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St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts Announces Closure at End of 2025–2026 School Year

St. Louis, MO — After extraordinary and exhaustive efforts to preserve the future of the school, the Board of Directors of St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts voted during its April 22, 2026, board meeting to voluntarily relinquish the school's charter effective June 30, 2026. This decision followed an extensive review of the school's operational realities, potential pathways forward, anticipated outcomes, and consultation with legal counsel. While difficult, the Board determined this course of action was in the best interest of ensuring an orderly and responsible transition for students, families, and staff.

Following the Board's vote, internal leadership challenges emerged regarding organizational alignment and direction surrounding the closure process. As a result, then-Interim Executive Director Dr. Jazzmine Nolan was placed on paid administrative leave pending review and was subsequently separated from the organization effective April 30, 2026.

To support operational continuity during this transition, the Board appointed Mahlik Good as Interim Executive Director on April 25, 2026. Following Dr. Nolan's separation, the Board formally approved Mr. Good's leadership contract to oversee the school's final operational phase and closure efforts.

In recent weeks, the organization has also navigated additional internal disruptions and staffing instability involving individuals who are no longer affiliated with the school. These challenges have created significant strain on school operations, staff morale, and organizational culture during an already difficult season.

Despite these circumstances, the remaining staff and leadership have continued to work diligently to prioritize students and families while ensuring responsible stewardship of the school's final obligations.

Due to unforeseen staffing transitions impacting instructional continuity, the school made the difficult decision to conclude classroom instruction earlier than originally anticipated for the semester. This decision was not made lightly and was centered on maintaining student safety, stability, and appropriate supervision.

At this time, the school is actively focused on:

- Facilitating student records transfers,
- Connecting families with educational navigation resources and support services, and
- Completing all required operational and financial wind-down processes responsibly and transparently.

“We recognize the deep disappointment and emotion surrounding this closure,” said Interim Executive Director Mahlik Good. “St. Louis Voices Academy has represented creativity, opportunity, and community for many students and families. While this chapter is coming to an end, our commitment remains centered on supporting our students, honoring the work that has been done here, and ensuring this transition is handled with care and integrity.”

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