



**Literacy Network™**

**Mission:** Literacy Network helps adults in Dane County build skills, reach goals, and connect communities.

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TO: Linette Rhodes, Community Development Manager, City of Madison  
FROM: Robin Ryan, Executive Director, Literacy Network  
DATE: November 21, 2024  
RE: Literacy Network Acquisition of Omega School

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Literacy Network will acquire Omega School effective January 1, 2025, when Omega's School's long-time Executive, Oscar Mireles, retires. Literacy Network will continue Omega School as a program of Literacy Network.

Omega School provides personalized instruction and support to help students obtain a GED or HSED. Omega School is a nonprofit agency that has been serving the Madison community since 1972 and currently serves about 125 students a year.

Literacy Network, provides free education programs to Dane County adults, including basic literacy, English, citizenship, high school completion, and transitions to college and certificate programs. Literacy Network, also a nonprofit, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Literacy Network serves over 1,400 students annually.

The missions of Literacy Network and Omega School are aligned. Both provide free education services to help students pursue educational and personal goals, often to improve economic opportunity. The agencies' programs are complementary but not duplicative. Incorporating Omega School helps Literacy Network expand the array of diverse services offered and creates new pathways for students to move easily among programs, including pre-GED, GED, ESL, Spanish GED, Citizenship, and Career and College Readiness.

Literacy Network will continue the programing provided by Omega School and assume the contract and grant responsibilities of Omega School. Literacy Network will also acquire the Omega School building at 835 West Badger Road and continue to run the Omega School program out of that building. Along with the building, Literacy Network will acquire the obligations of the City of Madison CDBG loan for the building.

Literacy Network is hiring a director for "Omega School of Literacy Network" and will hire the current staff of Omega School as Literacy Network employees.

Please let me know if you have any questions about Omega Schools becoming a program of Literacy Network.