

Princeton Charter School

575 Ewing Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We invite you to consider enrolling your child in Princeton Charter School (PCS) next fall. PCS is now accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year for students who will be in kindergarten through grade eight. There are 18 spaces available for kindergarten, 24 for grade five, and a few spaces may open up in other grades.

Publicly funded and tuition-free, Princeton Charter School's mission is to provide its diverse student body the best possible education by focusing on the fundamental academic disciplines in an atmosphere that affirms academic achievement, and in so doing, to offer the community true choice in public education.

All children are welcome at Princeton Charter School. There are no tests or other barriers to admission. Students who live in the Princeton Regional School district have first priority for enrollment. If there are more applicants than available spaces, a random lottery will be held January 11, 2005 to select students and establish the waiting list. Once enrolled in the school, students are guaranteed enrollment the following year through grade eight, and siblings of enrolled students have priority over other applicants.

We're delivering on our promise to provide excellence and choice in public education. Princeton Charter School's dedication to supporting, challenging, and inspiring every student was recognized by the United States Department of Education on September 17, 2004, when they named PCS a "No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School." The award recognizes the school as a national model of excellence, meeting the nation's goals of high standards and accountability. We are the first charter school in New Jersey to be offered this distinction, and the only public school in Mercer County ever named a Blue Ribbon School.

Find out more about the school's program by attending one of our **Open Houses on Sunday, December 5, 2004, or Saturday, January 8, 2005, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Teachers, current parents, and students will be available to answer questions about the school's programs and to provide tours of the facility. At 1:30 p.m. the Head of School, Charles Marsee, will introduce the faculty, then hold a question-and-answer session. After the presentation, teachers will be available in their classrooms to talk with parents. On Saturday, February 12 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. there will be a final information session for parents of admitted students. If you can not make an Open House, call the school office at 924-0575 and leave your name and address. We will send you information and an application. Information about the school is also available on our web site at <http://www.pcs.k12.nj.us>.

Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to Princeton Charter School, 575 Ewing Street, Princeton, NJ 08540 and must be received by PCS by **3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 8, 2005**. Applications received after the deadline will be entered into a late-applicant lottery in May. All applications will be confidential.

The Trustees of PCS thank you for your consideration and interest.

