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Dear Parents/Guardians and Scholars:

Welcome to The Queen City Academy Charter High School - a community of academic and social excellence! With great pride and excitement, we welcome you to the 2021-2022 founding school year.

Fostering scholars' college-going readiness through rigorous and relevant learning experiences is the primary goal of the Queen City Academy Charter High School (QCACHS). We will foster post-secondary readiness by offering scholars a culturally responsive, STEM curriculum that broadens their personal and social awareness and critical thinking skills. Our academic program provides students the opportunity to discover and achieve their dreams as they satisfy New Jersey graduation requirements and earn credits toward an Associate's Degree with Union County College. Scholars graduating from QCACHS will be well-prepared for post-secondary, college and career opportunities.

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, we wanted to provide the following information:

Student Orientation

We will host our scholar orientation on Tuesday, August 31st at 10:00 am to 11:00 am at our new high school site. The high school is located at 7-9 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060, on the 4th Floor. We will provide an overview of our program, scholar expectations, and other pertinent information. We will also be answering questions about the upcoming school year.

A virtual scholar orientation will be hosted from Tuesday, August 31st from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A link will be provided on the landing page of the Queen City Academy Charter School website (www.queencity.edu).

Daily School Schedule

The 2021-2022 school year officially begins Tuesday, September 7. Attached you will find the QCACS calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our school's operating hours will be tentatively from 7:50 a.m to 3:25 p.m. daily. Breakfast will be served daily from 7:35 am to 7:50 am. Homeroom is scheduled from 7:50 am to 8:10. We will offer a mixed schedule with both block and standard-length classes. We will also have elective courses rotating on an A/B schedule.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided for all students who reside 2.5 miles and beyond the high school. Scholars who qualify for transportation services, as outlined in their Individualized Education Program (IEP), will be provided with transportation services accordingly.

Student Uniforms

All scholars are required to dress in the approved uniform. Our school and gym uniform is available for review and purchase at Flynn O'Hara. A link to our webpage is available below:

<https://flynnohara.com/shop/queen-city-academy-charter-school-nj040/>

Scholars can also purchase gym items from The Bus Shop supplier (see attached). Orders from The Bus Shop can be placed and paid for online per request, and can be picked up within 5 to 7 days. You can email your order (with phone number) to: bus_shop@comcast.net. An invoice will be sent to you - along with directions on how to submit payment on-line. You will also be given information on a time to pick up orders.

Our Commitment to Creating Safe Learning Environments

The Queen City Academy Charter High School is committed to the health and safety of all our scholars and staff. We are actively working to implement the guidance from NJDOE/NJDOH. To ensure we take the preventive and mitigating measures to create a safe learning environment for all, we will adhere to the following requirements:

- Masks are required for **ALL** scholars and staff.
- All students and staff will be screened for Covid-19 symptoms each day using the screening assessment Qualtrics.
- Temperature screening for all scholars and staff will be conducted using a contactless thermometer before entering the school.
- Scholars will be excluded from entering classrooms if their parent/guardian has not completed the Qualtrics screening assessment.

We have an exciting and enriching year planned for our scholars! We welcome your engagement as we work to provide our scholars a high-quality and responsive educational experience. One of our greatest strengths will be the pride and support from our community, and our parents are critical to the success of our students. I encourage you to contact me regularly with your feedback, suggestions, and concerns.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your Summer. We look forward to welcoming each of you in September!

Best regards,

Dr. E. C. Dixon

Academic Director