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SI Community Charter School receives accolades during Charter School Advocacy Day in Albany

School Receives 500 dollar prize for taking top prize in POSTER CONTEST

February, 2011.... The Staten Island Community Charter School (SICCS) is proud to announce that Ms. Constance Turrentine of Stapleton, whose son Christian is in kindergarten class K-200 at SICCS, won first prize in a poster contest sponsored by the NYC Charter School Center, to celebrate and publicize Charter School Advocacy Day, which was held on February 7 in Albany at the State Capitol.

Ms. Turrentine was joined on her trip to Albany by Ms. Lisa Diaz, mother of Kaitlin, who also attends the school.

"I was delighted when Constance Turrentine came to tell me that the school received a \$500 check resulting from her participation in the Charter School Advocacy Day poster contest. The way they became aware of this after their arrival in Albany for Advocacy Day was very exciting for them," said Principal Pauline Frank.

"They were taken into a room and were unprepared for the announcement that followed their entrance," continued Frank.

'Staten Island Community Charter School is in the house! We've been waiting for you!'

It was then revealed to the group that the school had won first prize in the Poster Contest.

Ms. Turrentine's prize-winning poster is now on display in the school office. The staff and Board of SICCS are very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the school's Parent Team, including Ms. Turrentine and Ms. Diaz. The \$500 prize is a major boost to the school's fund-raising efforts and will be used to fund or supplement various school projects.

Charter School Advocacy Day --- and the poster contest --- were organized by the New York City Charter School Center (<http://nyccharterschools.org>), an organization representing the interests of charter schools and the students and communities they serve. The issues of greatest concern --- and the reason advocacy is so important --- are avoiding cuts to charter school funding . . . bringing real equity to the funding charter schools receive (we get only 70% of what traditional schools do) . . and increasing the number of charter schools in New York City, to increase the educational options available to New York City students and families.

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