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**CHARTER SCHOOL TAPS TOP ARCHITECT TO
CREATE LIGHTER, BRIGHTER, MORE EFFICIENT CLASSROOMS**

Internationally known architect Louise Braverman--who designed Poets House in lower Manhattan and the Derfner Judaica Museum in Riverdale--has agreed to design the classroom and office space at Staten Island Community Charter School (SICCS), the borough's first kindergarten-through-eighth-grade charter school.

In announcing Braverman's participation in the project, SICCS Board of Trustees President Lorna Harris said she feels privileged to be able to work with an architect of Braverman's talent and resources.

"Louise Braverman is helping us create 21st century classrooms in a building nearly 50 years old," Harris said. "The new designs make the space brighter, more colorful, and much more efficient." Harris added that Braverman's designs also incorporate the school's colorful logo, created by St. George art director Vera Naughton.

Ms. Harris approached the noted architect because the two had worked closely on a cultural tourism project in Portugal. As a result, she was familiar with Braverman's idea of an "architecture of conscience" that brings

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inventive solutions to projects within a wide range of budgets that serve diverse communities.

"If not for Louise's interest in projects like ours, we would never have been able to afford a designer of her talent and ability," Harris said. "We feel very fortunate to be able to work with her."

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Staten Island Community Charter School (SICCS) is a collaborative learning community focused on academic achievement, social responsibility, natural sciences and the arts. SICCS will open on Monday, September 13, 2010, on the second floor of Trinity Lutheran School at 309 St. Paul's Avenue, with 100 students enrolled in three kindergarten classes and one first-grade levels.

For more information, please visit the SICCS blog at statenilandcommunitycharterschool.wordpress.com. To be added to the school's e-mail database, contact statenilandcommunity@gmail.com.

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PHOTO CAPTION: This computer-generated prototype shows architect Louise Braverman's design for the Staten Island Community Charter School office. The design uses hanging photographs and graphics as room dividers, creating separate spaces within one large, colorful room.

