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**CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS AND FAMILIES
INVITED TO EVENT-FILLED OPEN HOUSE**

Parents and families who have enrolled their children at the new Staten Island Community Charter School are invited to an information-packed open house scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, to be held in the cafeteria at Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 St. Paul's Avenue, Stapleton.

The open house will include a tour of the school's office, classrooms and public spaces, designed by internationally known architect Louise Braverman. Teachers, assistant teachers and the school's hands-on principal will be on hand to meet and talk with parents and families. These educators will demonstrate how the school's enriched curriculum will be presented, starting on Day One. Parents will also learn about the instructional model, developed at Yale University, on which the school's operations are based.

According to Lorna Harris, chairperson of the school's board of trustees, the event is intended mainly for parents of children already enrolled in the school. "But parents of children ready for kindergarten and first grade who have not yet enrolled are welcome to attend and get more information,"

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she said. If they like what they see and hear, Harris said, they'll be able to place their children's names on a waiting list.

"There is still a reasonable chance of being admitted, even this close to opening day," Harris said. "The family of one enrolled child may give up that child's place because they're moving. Another family may give up a child's seat because their plans have changed," she added, "so parents shouldn't be discouraged about putting their names on our waiting list now."

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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. The school will open on Monday, September 13, 2010, with 100 students enrolled in three kindergarten classes and one first-grade levels.

More information is available at 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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