



**Announcing the Philadelphia Virtual Academy
Information Night • Wednesday, May 8, 2013 • 6:00-7:30PM**
at the Philadelphia Education Center
440 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA • Room 1075 (First Floor)

April 26, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you today to share exciting news for the upcoming school year. The School District of Philadelphia is proud to announce that it has expanded its educational programs to include a full-time online option for students in grades 6-12 who require a flexible school schedule, but who still want access to many of the services the School District of Philadelphia has to offer.

As a family whose child(ren) currently participate(s) in a charter school education, we welcome you to consider coming back to the School District of Philadelphia through participation in the new Philadelphia Virtual Academy (PVA).

Philadelphia Virtual Academy is a cost-free school for students who have successfully completed 5th grade, and are looking to pursue a quality online education for grades 6-12. Students will receive a laptop computer, high-speed Internet access, and a Pennsylvania Department of Education-approved curriculum taught by state-certified, highly qualified teachers. In addition, students will have access to drop-in learning centers for academic support, and the ability to participate in District athletics and extracurricular activities.

Students who complete graduation requirements through PVA will also receive a School District of Philadelphia high school diploma.

At the School District of Philadelphia, we understand that children have different learning styles. Some students excel in the traditional school setting, while others are more successful as more independent learners. Working together as a team, I am confident that we can ensure that each child's educational experience is rewarding and successful, whether it is in a traditional public school, or in the district's new school – the Philadelphia Virtual Academy.

I invite you to learn more about PVA at an information night for parents and students on **Wednesday, May 8, 2013** from **6:00PM to 7:30PM** at our Education Center, 440 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA. We look forward to meeting you in room 1075 (First Floor).

I have enclosed a brochure to give you a better understanding of our new academy and its course offerings. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call PVA at 215-400-3110, email pva@philasd.org, or visit <http://www.philasd.org/pva>.

Sincerely,

William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
The School District of Philadelphia

Join us for an Open House this Spring!

IN-PERSON:

Weds, May 8 6:00-7:30 PM
Education Center (440 N. Broad Street, Rm. 1075)

Weds, May 15 5:30-7:00 PM
Kensington CAPA High School (1901 N. Front St.)

Weds, May 29 2:00-3:30 PM
West Philadelphia High School (4901 Chestnut St.)

Tues, June 11 5:30-7:00 PM
Northeast High School (1601 Cottman Ave.)

ONLINE:

Thurs, May 2 1:00-2:00 PM
Thurs, June 6 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Weds, July 10 7:00-8:00 PM
Thurs, August 8 1:00-2:00 PM

Online sessions are conducted in virtual meeting rooms; visit the Virtual Academy website at <http://www.philasd.org/pva> for instructions for attending.

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