

December 1, 2009

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We are very pleased that you are considering applying for your child to attend our school. Enclosed you will find an application package with informational material about Highlander Charter School.

This year Highlander is accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade. Please note that the Pre-K lottery will be held during the month of July 2010 since it is based to the approval of our Charter expansion.

If you are interested for your child(ren) to participate in our lottery for the 2010-2011 academic year, please complete the application enclosed and return it to:

Ada Rojas
Admissions Director
Highlander Charter School
42 Lexington Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
Fax: 401-277-2603

Please note that the deadline to apply for September 2010 is Friday, March 19, 2010. All applications received after this date will be placed on the Waiting List.

Also, please keep us informed of any changes in address or phone numbers, so that we may forward information about any upcoming events such as our Open House for Prospective families, which will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2010.

If you have any questions or concerns about the application, please contact me at (401) 277-2600 extension 101 or arojas@highlandercharter.org.

Sincerely,

Ada Rojas
Admissions Director

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Highlander Charter School is part of a collaborative project to study the effectiveness of charter schools in the Rhode Island. All of the charter schools in Rhode Island, the State Education Commissioner's Office, and Brown University are working together to follow charter school applicants and study their academic performance and schooling success for the next five years.

I encourage you to agree to participate in this important research. Regardless of whether your child attends a charter school or a traditional public school in the next five years, this study, your consent will include him/her as part of the study sample. Please rest assured that your child's identifiable information will be protected by the school and the Rhode Island Department of Education. Researchers at Brown who are involved in this project will only receive information that is not individually identified.

Your child's participation in this study is optional. If your child chooses to not participate or to withdraw from the study at any time, there will be no penalty (it will not affect your child's grade or treatment in school). Also, there are no direct benefits.

The results of the research study may be published, but your child's name or any other personal information will not be used. This research has been approved by Brown University's Institutional Review Board.

If you have any questions concerning this research study or your child's participation in the study, please contact Dr. Kenneth Wong, the Principal Investigator at Brown University, and Eric Rollins, the Project Coordinator at Brown University, at (401) 863-3074 or email eric_rollins@brown.edu.

We strongly encourage you to participate in this collaborative study. We believe that this study will contribute to improving charter schools. Please sign the consent form as part of the application. Thanks.

Rose Mary Grant
Head of School

(If you decide to allow your child to participate in the study, please fill out this portion and send it in along with the required school applications.)

I give my consent for my child _____, who is applying at **Highlander Charter School**, to participate in the above study.

Parent's (Guardian's) Name (print): _____

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature: _____

Date _____

