

November 11, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This year marks the eighteenth year of City Charter High School's operation as a public school of choice in Pittsburgh, and the first time ever that we've had to start a school year virtually. As your Principal and CEO, I want to thank you for your flexibility, patience, and partnership. I pledge to continue working diligently with you, our students, and our staff to assure that the City High tradition of excellence lives on, where fostering a positive, rigorous, and supportive learning environment for each of our students is our overarching priority regardless of the learning platform.



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Thanks goes out to all for contributing to a successful 2019-2020 school year and a successful start to the 2020-2021 school year. Last year's accomplishments were many, including:

- According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, City High's most recent graduation rate is 94.7%, compared to 86.5% for the state.
- 72% of our graduates were accepted into a 2-year or 4-year college, university or training program.
- City High continues to have the highest Pittsburgh Promise eligibility rate of all Pittsburgh high schools: 91% qualify for the Pittsburgh Promise scholarship.
- The Class of 2020 secured over \$1.316 million in college/post-secondary scholarships.
- Retention matters early on: 98.7% of our 9th graders last year were promoted to 10th grade for the 2020-21 school year.

We also want to inform you that City Charter High School receives Title I funding from the federal government. This funding is used to provide the following:

- Teachers that provide focused support for reading, writing, and mathematics;
- Paraprofessional assistance for students in reading, writing, mathematics, and technology;
- After school tutoring for ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students;
- Support for parent workshops;
- Transportation to academic field experiences for students; and
- Staff development sessions and professional learning opportunities that enable teachers to further develop their knowledge as learners and strengthen their practice as effective teachers.

As a Title I school with a School-Wide Program, we are informing all parents that all of our students are eligible for Title I services. Additionally, City High annually reviews and approves its School-Wide Parental Involvement Policy, School-Wide Plan, and Professional Development Plan. These are jointly developed by parents, teachers, and administration.

There will be a school-wide parental involvement meeting in the early spring if you are interested in learning more about the Title I services we provide and would like to have input in the policies and plans listed above. More information will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, please contact me at 412-690-2489, x101, or via email at dwallen@cityhigh.org if you have any relevant feedback, questions, or concerns that you want to share.

Take care and please continue to stay safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dara", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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CEO and Principal