Dear Key Collegiate Charter School Families,

Since Key Collegiate Charter School opened its doors four years ago, your dedication, love and support allowed us to build an incredible community. Together, we accomplished so much:

- Key Collegiate students outperformed students in District 23 on their 2019 state exams, our only year of testing due to the pandemic.
- We provided quality instruction in the midst of the pandemic and still experienced overall academic growth.
- We brought joy to school and learning – through town halls, performing arts showcases, honor roll celebrations, school dances, carnivals, book fairs, Field Day, picnics, Big 5 treats, Fun Fridays, and so much more!

Despite all of our successes, as you know, we’ve historically struggled with meeting our enrollment targets. While we’ve attempted to address these challenges in many ways (including increasing our recruitment strategies, attempting to merge or partner with other high-quality schools, hiring additional staff to support recruitment), this issue was only worsened by the pandemic. As a charter school, we must apply to stay open every five years. One of the most important factors when submitting a renewal is evidence that a school is fully enrolled. Despite the tireless recruiting efforts of our school leader, Ms. Pierre, and Operations team members, at this time we are far from our enrollment goals for the upcoming school year. Given this, we do not have sufficient confidence that our application will be renewed by the New York State Board of Regents and we have made the painful decision to close our school.

To minimize disruption for our students, families and educators, Key Collegiate Charter will be officially closing at the end of the 2021-22 school year. The last day of instruction will be Friday, June 17th, 2022.

We remain committed to ensuring each and every one of our students receives an excellent education. Staff will be providing individualized support to families to help place them in high-quality middle schools. A Help Desk in our main office will be open throughout this school year and the summer to address any questions or needs you may have. Additionally, we will be hosting a Family Q&A on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 5pm. A zoom link will be shared.

While this news is disappointing, we are so proud of all that we have done and the community we have cultivated. We could not have done this without you! We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Key Collegiate Charter School Board of Trustees

Education is key.

Key Collegiate is a 6-8th grade college preparatory school unapologetically focused on student success.