



## Press Release – Newark Educators’ Community Charter School Receives 5-Year Charter Renewal

Newark Educators’ Community Charter School (NECCS) opened in 2009 and is currently in its fourteenth year of operation. NECCS submitted its renewal application on October 15, 2022 and has been evaluated by the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) on its academic performance, fiscal viability, and operational stability. The Department has completed a comprehensive review of NECCS including, but not limited to, the renewal application, annual reports, student performance on statewide assessments, a structured interview with school officials, public comments, student composition of NECCS, and the fiscal impact on the sending district

NECCS proudly announces that in a letter dated February 1, 2023, the Acting Commissioner of Education, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, awarded NECCS a 5-year Charter renewal! The NECCS Charter renewal is the culmination of the collective efforts of our staff, parents, students, and Board of Trustee members. The school community rallied together to demonstrate the synergy between home-school-community, which can provide the foundation for student success!

Building upon this successful renewal, we are excited about re-examining our practices to improve student learning outcomes as a school community. NECCS has already begun to address how we are using student data in grade level meetings and PLCs, the ongoing process of redesigning curricula, reviewing staff professional development opportunities and college partnerships, implementing tiered systems of support, establishing an NJSLA Enrichment Academy and closely monitoring student attendance/absenteeism. We will continue to be laser-focused, purposeful, and intentional in providing rigorous, high-quality, student-centered instruction, implementing instructional best practices with fidelity, and developing personalized learning opportunities for ALL students based on their readiness, developmental appropriateness, and interest.

We are eager and committed to our mission of being a rigorous learning community that supports students’ academic, social and personal growth. We envision our students to be critical thinkers who achieve a solid foundation of skills and knowledge. We actively promote the tolerance and appreciation of human diversity through school-wide programs. Our staff works with every student to develop the confidence to confront challenges as a foundation for personal and academic success in high school and beyond.

The NECCS administration and Board of Trustees would like to send a sincere thank you and appreciation to the staff, students, and parents. We congratulate our community for the tremendous work that was done to help us achieve this renewal.