



August 1, 2017

Dear Young People, Parents, Guardians and Community Partners:

The time has finally come to kick off the inaugural 2017-2018 school year at LEAD Charter School and we could not be more excited.

As you may have read, LEAD Charter School was recently approved to be the first charter school serving Opportunity Youth in The State of New Jersey. This opportunity allows us to serve Young People (YP) all across Newark who are over-aged or under-credited using an integrated combination of rigorous and individualized academic and community supports.

Included below is some important information and dates for you to know prior to the start of the school year.

All of this information can also be found on the LEAD website: leadcharterschool.org.

2017-2018 School Day

- Doors will open at 8:00AM every morning for breakfast
- 1st period will begin at 8:30AM every day for Morning Meeting
- Dismissal every Monday – Thursday is 3:30PM
- Dismissal every Friday is 1:15PM

Lunch Applications

Attached to this welcome letter is the 2017-2018 Household Application for Free and Reduced Priced School Meals as well as directions on how to complete the application. Please complete the application and either physically drop it off at LEAD or mail it to: *LEAD Charter School 201 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ 07103*.

School Calendar

Attached is the school calendar that highlights all of our days of operations as well as days we are closed due to holidays, breaks or professional development. This calendar can also be found on our school website.

Mental Toughness

Mental Toughness is a 12-day rigorous process designed to prepare our Young People (YP) for success throughout the academic year. It is our equivalent to a student orientation but with components to challenge and support our young people's fitness, resilience, perseverance and mindset – all things we firmly believe they will need to get through the first year. Below are a few things you can expect to learn and experience from Mental Toughness:

- Daily Exercise
- Team Building
- School Norms
- Leadership Development

Community Cookout

We would like to meet you and your parent/guardian at our Community Cookout taking place in the parking lot of our school on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 4:00PM. Food and drinks will be provided on a first come, first serve basis and we will also have community partners present including our uniform vendor. We will also be having a raffle and giving away free LEAD T-Shirts. If you are going, please RSVP by emailing Tia Jannah at info@leadcharterschool.org.

Important Dates

- Community Cookout is on Thursday, August 31st from 4:00-6:00PM
- Mental Toughness starts on Tuesday, September 5th and ends on Wednesday, September 20th

We are looking forward to a great year. Should you need to contact me, please feel free to email me at jacevedo@leadcharterschool.com or call us at (973) 565-1230. Please enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

Juan Acevedo
Principal