

September 1, 2017

Welcome!

Dear Partners:

Welcome to **LEAD Charter School** – New Jersey’s first alternative charter high school!

And, yes, we consider you our PARTNERS in this educational journey. We’re excited that you chose to join our LEAD community and are eager to embrace your children beginning on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**.

As you may already know from previous communications, LEAD Charter School is founded upon youth development principles and practices learned from its community partner – YouthBuild Newark. YouthBuild Newark has been effectively serving Newark’s youth and young adults since 2003 and is recognized as one of the more effective youth development agencies in the State.

To this end, we will open the school year with an intensive 3-week program called “Mental Toughness Orientation.” The orientation is collection of activities that will acclimate students to the LEAD culture and prepare them for their transformational experience. The orientation will include:

- team-building activities
- academic assessments
- group cohort assignments
- introduction to staff and advisors
- creation of Individual Development Plans (IDPs) with academic and life goals

Mental Toughness Orientation will take place at:

YouthBuild Newark
571 Central Avenue, Second Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07107
(973) 297-0592

During the 3-week orientation, all students should report to YouthBuild Newark **at 8:00 am**. There will be free transportation provided to students. Those students who wish to be transported to YouthBuild Newark should meet at 201 Bergen Street by no later than **7:30 am**.

If you have any questions, please feel more than free to phone the school at (862) 772-1724.

Thank you for choosing LEAD! We’re looking forward to an amazing year.

Humbly,

Juan Acevedo, Head of School
Darrell Price, Director of Student Support Services

Please review, sign and submit the permission slip below that confirms that you understand what LEAD’s orientation process is and that you grant permission for your child to participate.

I affirm that I understand what I have read and, hereby, grant my child permission to participate in LEAD Charter School’s Mental Toughness Orientation.

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

For students aged 18 or over, no parental signature needed. Student signature please.