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PRESS RELEASE

State Approves Two Renaissance School Applicants; Camden Families to Have New High-Quality Options This Fall

Public schools will construct new buildings and serve students in neighborhood

July 9, 2014--Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today announced that the New Jersey Department of Education has approved two renaissance school applications, from Mastery Charter Schools and Uncommon Schools. As a result, hundreds of Camden students will be able to attend a new, high-quality neighborhood school this fall. In addition, the process to build two new, state-of-the-art schools in Camden will get under way.

“Uncommon and Mastery lead some of the best schools in the country, and I’m thrilled that these options will be available for Camden students and families,” Superintendent Rouhanifard said. “All of our students deserve an excellent education, and as we work to dramatically improve our District schools we also welcome Mastery and Uncommon to open these neighborhood schools.”

The Camden City School District is working to boost District school performance, particularly in the areas highlighted by the strategic plan, the [Camden Commitment](#), which focuses on safety, modern buildings, support for students and teachers, family friendliness, and central office effectiveness.

Mastery Charter Schools will open one school this fall, which will begin serving students in two temporary locations pending construction on the new, 21st-century building. Approximately 350 students in grades K-4 will be served in North Camden, and approximately 175 students in grades K-2 will be served in East Camden. Mastery will also begin construction on a new, state-of-the-art school building near the Kroc Center in Cramer Hill.

In addition, Uncommon Schools will open one elementary school this fall serving approximately 90 kindergarten students. The elementary school will grow by one grade each year. At the same time, Uncommon will begin the construction process for a new building in the Whitman Park area.

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