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GREAT OAKS CHARTER FINDS A HOME IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING

Growing charter school model comes to Wilmington

WILMINGTON, DE—Great Oaks Charter School will become the third tenant school in the Community Education Building (CEB) in downtown Wilmington in the fall of 2015. School leadership and the “Great Oaks Tutor Corps” will join Delaware community leaders including former Wilmington Mayor James Baker to announce and celebrate Sept. 20th at the CEB.

The Great Oaks Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the launch and support of high-performing, college preparatory charter schools. There are Great Oak schools in Manhattan, NY, Newark, NJ and Bridgeport, CT. The school model is based on a highly intensive tutor model in which a corps of recent college graduates delivers two hours of individualized instruction to each student every day.

The Great Oaks school model has shown strong results. Since opening in 2011, the Newark school is among the most successful charter schools in the city, outperforming district proficiency averages by 17 percentage points in English Language Arts and by over 36 percentage points in math.

Great Oaks Foundation President Michael Thomas Duffy says Wilmington is an ideal fit for the school. “As we’ve seen in our founding school, children are extremely responsive to high-dosage tutoring. We can take a poor-performing student from the direst of socioeconomic conditions and improve their understanding and performance significantly in a relatively short period of time. The CEB will be the perfect environment for our school.”

The CEB is a one-of-a-kind facility currently home to Kuumba Academy and Academia Antonia Alonso. The building spans 281,000 square feet of classrooms and shared facilities including a cafeteria, library, music and dance rooms, indoor play area, and wrap-around life services such as health care and wellness services and after-school enrichment.

CEB Board Chairman Thère duPont says the school reflects the ideals and culture of the CEB community. “Our expectation is that by creating CEB as an educational home for high-performing charter schools, we will be nurturing and supporting a generation of young people through expanded educational opportunities. We hope everyone will stay tuned to what’s happening at the CEB, as many innovative and exciting educational activities will be occurring at Great Oaks, Kuumba and Academia. We all have so much to look forward to.”

WHAT: Great Oaks Charter School of Wilmington Kick Off Event

WHEN: September 20 at 10AM.

WHERE: Community Education Building, 1200 North French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801.

For more information about Great Oaks schools visit www.greatoakscharter.org.

For more information about the Community Education Building visit www.cebde.org

The Great Oaks Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the launch and support of high-performing charter schools. Their mission is to prepare students for college success, train highly effective classroom teachers and invest in the communities in which our schools operate.

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