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HOBOKEN CHARTER SCHOOL HAS NEW HOME

HOBOKEN, N.J., April 12, 2010 -- The Hoboken Charter School announced today that it is moving its kindergarten through eighth-grade classes to the Academy of the Sacred Heart building at 713 Washington Street, beginning September 2010.

A two-year lease with an option to buy was signed April 9 with the property's owner, The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth.

“We are very pleased that we were able to secure a site for the school,” said Helen Cuning, president of the Hoboken Charter School's board. “We are one of New Jersey’s oldest and most successful charter schools and have only modest renovation plans at this time,” she added. The school, with its emphasis on service learning, has received numerous awards and honors for teaching excellence since its inception in 1997, including a National Charter School of the Year award.

The Hoboken Charter School, kindergarten to 12th grade, is currently housed in the Demarest School building at 4th & Garden Streets. Relocation became necessary when the Hoboken District Board of Education’s facilities plan directed that students from the Thomas G. Connors School be transferred to Demarest while the Connors building begins a two-year renovation. The high school will remain at Demarest.

The Hoboken Charter School is well-known for incorporating a service-learning curriculum into a rigorous academic program, one that emphasizes personal growth and arts literacy. Last year, 100% of its seniors graduated and went to university or college.

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