

## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Red Bank Charter School Announces Approval of Weighted Lottery for the 2016-17 School Year**

**Red Bank, NJ — March 23, 2016** — Red Bank Charter School (RBCS), a public PreK-8 elementary school, is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Education has approved the school's proposal to provide a greater opportunity to low-income families through a weighted lottery system beginning in the 2016-17 school year enrollment season. Children who qualify for certain types of public assistance will receive a 3:2 chance of admission into the school. The objective of the weighting is to ensure that Red Bank Charter School's student population represents a cross section of the local community's school-aged children.

"We are pleased with Commissioner of Education David Hespe's approval to serve a greater number of underserved students," said Red Bank Charter School Principal Meredith Pennotti. "We are proud of the diversity of the RBCS community. We attribute much of our success to the rich experiences our children share through learning and growing together."

The lottery is open to all children who are Red Bank residents. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) entered into the admissions lottery must submit an application to the school. There are no admission criteria. Siblings of current RBCS students are automatically granted a spot for enrollment, but must still submit an application. Children whose numbers are not selected will be placed on the student waiting list.

Applications for admission will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2016. The lottery will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2016 at the Red Bank Charter School located at 58 Oakland Street, Red Bank, NJ. Admission applications can be found on the school's website, [www.redbankcharterschool.com/apply](http://www.redbankcharterschool.com/apply). Applications can be submitted either by using our online form, or via mail.

### **ABOUT THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL**

The Red Bank Charter School is a PreK-8 public school serving children in Red Bank, N.J. Founded in 1998, the school has a current enrollment of 200 students with a highly qualified faculty and staff numbering more than 40. New Jersey Charter Schools are free public schools that are open to all children and which typically offer their students more individualized attention, longer school days, longer school years, and innovative programs with substantially less funding than conventional public schools. More information is available at [www.redbankcharterschool.com](http://www.redbankcharterschool.com).

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