

May 17, 2022

Dear CSI Families,

This is certainly an exciting time for CSI with the unconditional four-year extension of our charter, which will ensure that we can continue to expand on the many initiatives for which CSI is so well-know, including:

- Africana infusion
- Inquiry learning and exploration
- Student-led investigations
- Hands-on approach to science
- Two certified teachers and a teaching assistant in every classroom
- The Responsive Classroom approach to build community and promote a safe environment
- The Russell Bell Academy that helps students develop life-long skills for success
- A free extended day program
- A free summer enrichment program
- Integrated co-teaching to support students with disabilities
- A three-level system of instruction to support the learning needs of all students
- A comprehensive program of support for students who are learning English as a second language
- An inclusive environment that values the beliefs and traditions of all our students
- Visual and performing arts classes that support Africana infusion and inquiry learning taught by highly qualified teaching
- Field trips throughout the year for all grade levels
- Chromebooks and tablets for every student to use at school or at home during periods of remote instruction
- Hotspots for families to use during periods of remote instruction
- The use of an all-call system to reach families timely
- ClassTag to promote frequent communication between parents and teachers

As you know, charter schools are held to a very high standards by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), and charter schools have more accountability than traditional public schools. As part of this stringent oversight, NYSED conducts a survey of parents of students in charter schools. Below, please find a letter from NYSED and a link to follow to share your experience at CSI. When you open the survey, please make sure to use the drop-down feature to find the Charter School of Inquiry.

It is our hope that 100% of our parents will participate this year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (716) 833-3250.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



John W. Sheffield,
Head of School

(See letter from NYSED on reverse side)

Letter to Parents from the New York State Education Department

To: Parents and Guardians of our Charter School Students

Thank you for your ongoing support, resilience, and determination as schools across the state work to address the lingering impacts of the pandemic and the implementation of academic and social-emotional supports to help students learn, grow, and thrive. Parents and guardians play a vital role in student education. As part of each charter school's oversight processes, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Charter School Office (CSO) is seeking ongoing feedback from all parents and guardians about their opinions and experience with the charter school(s) their children are enrolled in. In order to learn directly from you, we would appreciate your participation in the 2022 CSO Parent/Guardian Survey. Anonymity is assured so please be comfortable providing any honest feedback you feel is appropriate. We believe your input is essential to inform both policy and practice of each charter school.

To complete the brief survey: [Click here to enter the survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CSOParentSurvey) or you may copy and paste following link into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CSOParentSurvey>

It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and must be completed in one sitting, as you cannot save it and return to it later. The survey will be available to complete until 11:59 PM on Friday, May 27, 2022.

NOTE: the survey will not work properly in Internet Explorer, it is best to use Chrome.

Should you have any difficulties accessing or completing this survey, please contact CSOData@nysed.gov and use Parent Feedback Survey in the subject line.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.