

March 5, 2009

Harvest Prep Parents:

This letter is to inform you that Harvest Prep has adopted an extended school calendar. The academic year starts August 3, 2009 and ends July 1, 2010. This represents 202 days of school. After extensive research, we have modeled this extended school calendar on what is best academically for our children. Many studies show that children are impacted negatively by extensive summer vacations.

Many schools have realized that more time on task will ensure that the educational gaps will vanish. Our own Best Academy, along with other schools with which you may be familiar - for example Kipp Academy and Hope Academy, have adopted this philosophy and reaped benefits for their students. It is our belief that Harvest Prep students should be offered the same educational opportunities that Sister Academy and Best Academy now provide.

Our Kindergarten students will start school September 8, 2009. Based on last year's enrollment we found that our Kindergarten students who are five (5) by September 15th have been able to adapt and assimilate to our rigorous schedule and expectations. We found them to be more socially and academically prepared to advance at the end of the school year. Therefore, we want to make sure that they are developmentally prepared for success. The Kindergarteners last day of school will end on July 1, 2010 along with our 1st – 8th graders.

I want to encourage you to enroll your child into our program as soon as possible to secure your child's enrollment for the upcoming school term. Please contact Ms. Ballard, Director of Admissions, (612) 381-9743 ext.201 for further information,

I want to thank you in advance for your attention to this letter, if you have any questions I can be reached at 612-381-9743.

Sincerely,

Dr. Callie Lalugba
Principal