



NJDOE News

For More Information Contact the Public Information Office:

Richard Vespucci
Jon Zlock
609-292-1126

For Release: June 23, 2003

DOE, in Collaboration with Granville Charter School and the Trenton School District, Announces Agreement for Granville's K-9 Operations for the 2003-04 School Year

The Department of Education, in collaboration with representatives from the Granville Charter School and the Trenton School District, today formally announced that the Granville Charter School will open as a K-9 school at its North Clinton Avenue site for the 2003-04 school year.

"The Department is pleased that we were able to work with William Granville and his representatives and Superintendent James Lytle and his representatives to agree on what's best for Trenton students," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera said.

"We expect that as a result of today's announcement, the Granville Charter School will once again establish itself as a comprehensive, K-12 public school option for Trenton parents and students," Commissioner Librera said. "In the meantime, the Trenton School District is doing its part in ensuring that the students in grades 10 through 12 will undergo a transition that is as seamless as possible in returning to Trenton Public Schools."

Due to a lease agreement, Mr. Granville had to close his operations on West State Street, effective this summer. In an effort to continue the school's operations, all parties agreed that continuing the K-9 operation on North Clinton Avenue would be an amicable solution. In addition, William Granville has stated his intention to reopen his high school operations on a phased-in basis, after a careful, ongoing review by the department.

According to today's announcement:

- The school on North Clinton Avenue will remain open as a K-9 school;
- Grades 10 through 12 will be transferred to the Trenton School District, area non-public schools or other area charters;
- A detailed plan with timelines will be developed in collaboration with the charter school to help ensure its viability and effectiveness. The DOE will carefully monitor the school's progress; and
- The DOE will appoint a transition team to work closely with the school as it begins a planned phasing in of additional grade levels one year at a time.

As part of today's announcement, DOE officials said they would be examining the fiscal and program issues that face Granville and other Charter Schools throughout the state. The department is committed to strengthening mechanisms which will ensure quality public school choice for New Jersey's families.

For more information, please contact the Department of Education Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126.