



A COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL  
FOR BOYS  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

**GIVING BOYS A REAL CHANCE FOR A REAL FUTURE**

October 1, 2016

Mr. David Blowman  
Deputy Secretary of Education  
State of Delaware

Ms. Denise Stouffer  
Director Charter School Office  
State of Delaware

Dear Mr. Blowman and Ms. Stouffer:

After considerable deliberation, the board of directors of Prestige Academy Charter School has made the difficult decision to not seek the renewal of the school's charter for the 2017-2018 academic year. A number of factors play a role in this decision, but the key driver for us was the continued decrease in enrollment the school has experienced over the past two years.

The board, and the school's leadership, will instead focus our efforts on successfully completing this academic year in a positive and non-disruptive manner; making sure the scholars who make up our Prestige community receive the education and support they need and deserve.

The board will be working closely with the Department of Education, the Charter School Network, and other charter school stakeholders to provide an orderly transition for our scholars and our staff at the end of the academic year in June 2017. These discussions are already under way.

Although this is not the outcome we were wishing for, we are nevertheless proud of the fact that over the past eight years we have provided countless boys in our community a brighter future and a pathway to success in life, while transforming them into young men.

Sincerely,

Prestige Academy Board of Directors