



## Charter School of Educational Excellence

### *Recipients of the "New York State 2010 Exemplary Reading Award"*

March 15, 2010

Dear CSEE Parents/Guardians:

I am very proud to announce that the Charter School of Educational Excellence has won the very prestigious International Reading Association's 2010 *"Exemplary Reading Program Award for New York State"*.

The Exemplary Reading Program Award recognizes outstanding reading and language arts programs and its purpose is to call the public's attention to exemplary programs in schools throughout Canada and the United States. Each participating state and province can choose one winning school a year.

Winning the award has put CSEE on the nation's radar. Our improving test scores every year and our growing reputation for providing students with a rigorous academic program has placed CSEE in the ranks of a top performing school in Yonkers. This award serves as an acknowledgment to our fine work and a testimony to you that CSEE is fulfilling its promise in providing students with a challenging learning environment with high expectations for every child. It just goes to show that like the values we instill in our students - - hard work, perseverance, and staying committed to a vision pays off.

We are, indeed, very proud of our achievements and having been given the distinction as a "model school" will give other schools, state-wide and internationally, the benefit of learning about our best practices.

In April 2010, I will be attending the International Reading Association's 55th annual convention in Chicago, Illinois, where I will accept the Exemplary Reading Program Award on behalf of our school. I look forward to our school community continuing to enjoy ongoing recognition for its excellence and CSEE making a difference in the education of its children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catalina Castillo".

Catalina Castillo  
Principal

*"We aim to inspire, motivate, and instill a love for learning in all children"*