

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information, contact:

Ms. Kristi Hummel  
Hospitality Resource Group  
Phone: (914) 761-7111

### **CHARTER SCHOOL OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE CELEBRATES BARACK OBAMA'S INAUGURATION**

#### ***The United States First African American President***

January 23, 2009 – YONKERS, NY - The Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE) will celebrate “Obama Day” in honor of the inauguration of our new President on January 23 beginning at 9:00AM. The day-long series of panel discussions with presentations will honor the diligence, perseverance, and determination embodied by **President Barack Obama**.

The celebration welcomes our first black president and honors his presidency as a symbol of success and progress for a diverse community. His accomplishments are directly reflective of the virtues desired for CSEE students.

The speakers will address the changing world and give insight into contemporary struggles, the success and progress of a diverse community, and virtues for the students to stand for and live by. Special Guest Speakers, including **Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins**, create a sophisticated representation of Westchester’s diverse leaders that reinforce the type of success CSEE wants its students to work hard to achieve and through example have provided a beacon of moral fiber for which to live by.

"We simply could not be more excited about the significance of this new administration," remarked Catalina Castillo, Principal at the Charter School of Educational Excellence in Yonkers. “Our new President is a great example to our children of how hopes and dreams can come true for anyone who is willing to work hard and believe in the promise of our great country!”

The scholastic discussion is another example of how the Charter School of Educational Excellence is dedicated to providing a nurturing, safe and secure environment where its students receive optimum opportunities to learn, thrive, and succeed in modern society. With a determination to improve all available opportunities for young people in the community, local parents embrace the institution as a preferred alternative - one that provides Yonkers children with increased attention to academic success, individual exploration and confidence, and an extended school day.

#### ***About the Charter School of Educational Excellence***

The Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE) was the first public charter school to be approved in the Yonkers City school district. CSEE is a free public school open to all children through a random lottery admissions process. The school opened its doors in September 2005 and currently serves approximately 350 students in grades K-6. CSEE offers an extended day, art, music and foreign language.

*About Victory Schools*

Victory Schools is a national leader in public charter and district school management partnerships. Victory's mission is to create the finest public schools in America through partnerships with state departments of education, local boards of education, teachers, teachers unions, outstanding community groups and parents. The company is unique in its consultative approach to assisting public school districts; its strong emphasis on partnerships with all public education stakeholders; and its desire to provide the highest quality, most personalized service to the schools and districts we serve. Victory was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in New York City. This fall the company will provide services to 17 public and charter schools serving approximately 6,500 children in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. For further information, Victory can be contacted at (212) 786-7900.

The Charter School of Educational Excellence is located at 260 Warburton Ave  
Yonkers, NY 10701.

For further information please call (914) 761- 7111

#####