



August 14, 2017

*To: The parents of Discovery Charter School
From: The Discovery Charter School Board of Trustees
Re: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Decision*

Dear Parents,

As you may know Discovery Charter School has been in litigation since 2013 with the Philadelphia School District over amendments that the Board of Trustees and the Administration at that time wanted to make in our charter. A hearing was finally held on May 1st of this year. A decision was handed down last week, Tuesday, August 8th.

The court basically stated that since there is no provision in the law on how Charter Schools can amend their charters, the charter that Discovery signed in 2008 is still in effect until the Philadelphia School District and Discovery Charter School can come to an agreement on any changes requested. In response to this decision the DCS Board and the School Administration are taking steps to be fiscally responsible and to operate within new budget constraints.

*Sorrowfully we have had to make cuts in our staffing. However, we want to reassure you, our parents, **that all students enrolled in the school will be able to attend. We also want you to know that there will be no reduction in classroom teachers.** We will continue to provide the high quality education that has been the hallmark of Discovery Charter School. We are hopeful that you, our parents, will continue to remain engaged and will continue to have confidence that your children will receive the excellent education that they deserve.*

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Woodson, Board Chair
Ms. Elmore, CEO*

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