

Friends of Princeton Charter School

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MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Princeton Charter School (“Friends”) is a charitable nonprofit corporation under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (EIN # 22-3483674). It is the Parent Teacher Organization operated exclusively to benefit and to support the charitable purposes of the Princeton Charter School (“PCS”) located in Princeton, New Jersey.

PCS is an independently operated public school, which provides educational excellence to K-8 students residing in the Princeton Regional School District. Important facts about PCS:

- Admission is via lottery and is open to all students
- Has a rigorous and dynamic curriculum
- Was ranked #1 Middle School and #2 Elementary School in New Jersey out of 700 and 1,300 schools, respectively, by JerseyCAN in August, 2013.
- Named National Charter School of the Year in 2007
- Charter School of Distinction in 2004
- Recognized as a "No Child Left Behind" Blue Ribbon school in 2004

PCS has a culture of active parent involvement from its inception to the present day. PCS was founded in 1997 by a group of parents who helped personally fund and raise money from within the community to set up the school. This support continues today with generous donations of money and time from parents. PCS parents are active members of the PCS community, providing input and taking initiatives that continue to contribute to an outstanding educational experience for our students

PCS relies on community and parent donations to fill the funding gap caused by its receipt of significantly less funds per student than the traditional neighboring Princeton Regional School Districts schools. Expenses directly related to student instruction are funded similar to public schools. However, all technology, infrastructure and services, facilities, and after-school program expenses need to be self-funded.

Like PCS, Friends of PCS began with its incorporation in 1997 and has been operating since exclusively to further the charitable and educational purposes of PCS. Its activities have included acquiring and receiving contributions; fundraising and solicitation of charitable

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donations; making grants and other distributions of property and income; making its assets available for the use of PCS; and otherwise supporting PCS in traditional PTO community building activities such as picnics, field day, student trips, etc.

Funds raised by Friends of PCS have previously been used wholly or in part to:

- Fund and/or subsidize the existing after-school sports, science, music, and art clubs;
- Fund playground improvements;
- Purchase iPads for K-4 and Chromebooks for 5-8 instruction;
- Purchase a new Art Kiln and install a new 5-8 Science Lab;
- Purchase and install new student lockers in the 5-8 building;
- Fund author visits and field trips; and
- Provide teacher training grants

Friends is operated by a Board of Trustees consisting of between three and nine PCS parents who have the power and authority necessary for management of Friends business, property and affairs. It holds monthly and annual public meetings. Any questions about Friends should be directed to its President, care of Princeton Charter School, at the above address or phone number.

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