

August 19, 2022

Dear Bluford Charter School and Daroff Charter School Families and Students,

The School District of Philadelphia is inviting all families with students who are currently enrolled in Universal Bluford Charter School (Bluford) and Universal Daroff Charter School (Daroff) to consider enrolling in one of the many District schools that have seats available for the 2022-2023 school year.

At the School Board meeting on August 18, the Board of Education shared that it has serious concerns about the health and safety of students, staff, and families at Bluford and Daroff as we quickly approach the start of the new school year. To date, there are a significant number of staffing vacancies and facilities concerns across both schools that impact the charter schools' ability to provide critical support and services to students and families. As the Board stated, the health and safety of students in Philadelphia is paramount.

The Charter Schools Office and other District staff have been in communication with representatives from Bluford and Daroff to understand and evaluate the circumstances and assess the charter schools' ability to safely open and operate this school year. However, the information to date leaves doubt on whether Bluford and Daroff will be able to operate this coming school year which is only 11 days away. The Board stated last night that it is deeply concerned and would like to ensure Bluford and Daroff families have stable and supportive school options for their children.

The School District wants to assure you that we are ready to welcome your child into a caring, stable and inclusive school environment that will support their educational needs.

Here's what you can do to explore your options and enroll your child in a District school:

- **Visit philasd.org/cso/bluford or philasd.org/cso/daroff** - to learn about enrollment options, how to enroll your child, register for an upcoming Town Hall, and more.
- **Attend a Virtual Town Hall** - to learn more and get answers to your questions.
 - Monday, August 22, 5-6 p.m. [Register here.](#)
 - Tuesday, August 23, 5-6 p.m. [Register here.](#)

After registering for the Town Hall, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- **Enroll Your Child In Person** - District staff will be onsite to help you enroll your child.

- **Location:** Haverford Library at 5543 Haverford Avenue (56th St. & Haverford Ave.).
- **Date and Time:** Will be added soon at philasd.org/cso/bluford and philasd.org/cso/daroff.
- **What to Bring:** Please bring proof of your child's age, your child's immunization record, and proof of address. More information on required documentation can be found [here](#).

- **Enroll Your Child Online** - visit philasd.org/studentplacement.
- **Contact Us** - email your questions to ASK@philasd.org or call the School District's Call Center at 215-400-4000, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for considering the School District of Philadelphia for your child's educational needs. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, August 29.

Sincerely,

The School District of Philadelphia