

Monday, March 24 2025

Dear NursesMC-CR Families,

I am writing to share with you that the Nurses Middle College Capital Region Board of Directors made the difficult decision tonight to close the school at the end of this 2025-2026 school year.

As we discussed at our Board meeting, our current student enrollment has made it increasingly difficult to provide the support and resources needed to offer a high-quality educational experience. Despite the hard work of our students, families, and charter management organization, we found ourselves with no other option but to make this painful decision to close the school in June.

## Enrollment Support for the 2025-2026 School Year

Our priority now is to support you and your teenager through this transition as you explore new educational opportunities for the 2025-2026 school year.

To help guide you through this process, we will be hosting an **Enrollment Workshop on Wednesday, March 26, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.** This will be a chance for you to ask questions and learn more about the options available. Representatives from Green Tech, Albany Leadership, and KIPP Capital High School charter schools will be present to share information about their programs.

Additionally, we have created a one-page document that provides helpful information about how you can enroll at these area charter schools.

## **Rights and Requirements**

As we announce the closure, we want to ensure you understand your rights and responsibilities regarding public records:

• Access to Student Records: Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), if you would like to obtain your child's academic records, please reach out to

the school.

• Notification of Mandatory Enrollment under NYS Law: Students are required by law to attend school until they are 16 years old.

## Committed to Finishing Strong: Key Dates and Opportunities

Our priority at Nurses Middle College Capital Region is ensuring we have a strong finish to the 2024-2025 school year. The last day of regular instruction will be June 16, followed by Regents testing, which will continue through June 25. We are committed to maintaining a high-quality learning environment and providing our students with the academic and emotional support they need throughout the remainder of the year.

In addition, we have planned field trips to provide students with valuable exposure to healthcare careers in the Capital Region. The 9th grade will tour Ellis Hospital and the Belanger School of Nursing, while the 10th grade will participate in Shadow Days at Ellis Hospital.

We are excited about these opportunities and look forward to taking advantage of them as we close out the year.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 518-907-0101 or info@nursescr.org. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

With gratitude,

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