



**NEW HORIZONS CHARTER ACADEMY**

*Established 2013*

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March 5, 2026

Subject: New Horizons Charter Academy School Closure

To: New Horizons Charter Academy Parents/Guardians/Students

New Horizons Charter Academy (NHCA) is addressing issues presented to NHCA Board Of Directors at March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 Board Meeting. The NHCA Board of Directors reviewed The current and future financial solvency of the Charter School. Due to declining Enrollment and expenses which directly impacts the budget, New Horizons Charter Academy Board of Directors, with a heavy heart and sadness, made the decision to Close the Charter School effective June 30, 2026.

The Executive Director, Mr. Thomas, has made 4 strategic partnerships with 4 nearby Charter Schools to enroll as many of NHCA students as possible.

NHCA will hold a parent meeting at 11:45am on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the Parent Center at 14701 Friar Street, Van Nuys. NHCA will organize an upcoming enrollment Faire with strategic partners to share enrollment process and information about their School. The school office of 14701 Friar Street, Van Nuys will be the location of Student records. These records will be available at school office.

The Board of Directors have designated the Executive Director and Principal of New Horizons Charter Academy, Mr. Thomas to be responsible for conducting the closing procedures as outlined in the Charter School Petition Element 15.

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