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**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK TO HOST STATEN ISLAND
EDUCATION LEADERS FOR OPEN HOUSE SHOWCASING
INNOVATIVE BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM AT
ST. CHARLES SCHOOL ON APRIL 7**

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(April 5, 2017 – Staten Island, NY) – Showcasing the impact of technology-rich blended learning on students' lives, the Staten Island Region of the [Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York](http://www.catholic-schools-in-the-archdiocese-of-new-york.org) will hold a special open house for education leaders including Superintendent of Schools **Timothy J. McNiff** and other Staten Island school principals **on Friday, April 7, 8:30 am to 10:15 am at St. Charles School, 200 Penn Avenue, Staten Island.**

At the event, St. Charles Principal **JC Kiernan** will lead guests—including committee members from the Richmond County Savings Foundation (RCSF)—on a tour of four classrooms where blended learning has made an enormous impact in the way students are learning and engaging with the curriculum. The group will visit a 6th grade ELA classroom; 4th grade science classroom; and 4th and 5th grade mathematics classes. Following the tour, students and teachers will provide testimonials on how the innovative blended learning model has enhanced and changed the teaching and learning experience.

Thanks to a generous \$200,000 grant from RCSF, blended learning - which combines online learning with traditional classroom instruction - has expanded from 2 schools at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year to **seven schools*** in the Staten Island Region. The continued growth and success of the program is helping the Archdiocese provide exceptional, technology-enhanced education to hundreds of students on Staten Island. Continuing to infuse technology in its classrooms, Staten Island Region schools have evolved from computer labs of the past to interactive classrooms equipped with such invaluable tech assets as SMART Boards and projectors, Smart TVs, InFocus JTouch Interactive Displays and Projectors, iPads and Chromebook.

Location:

St. Charles School
200 Penn Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10306

Date/Time:

Friday, April 7, 2017
8:30 am – 10:15 am

Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend

Please RSVP to Nick Iacono at (646) 794-2889 or nick.iacono@archny.org

This year, blended learning has expanded to the following Staten Island Catholic schools

Academy of St. Dorothy – Old Town
Our Lady Help of Christians - Tottenville
Our Lady Queen of Peace – New Dorp
Sacred Heart – West New Brighton
St. Adalbert – Elm Park
St. Charles - Oakwood
St. Rita - Willowbrook

St. Charles School prides itself on creating a community of learners that is united under the teaching of the Catholic Church. The school inspires each student to achieve academic excellence, to build spiritual growth, and to feel a strong sense of dedication to his or her community. St. Charles School students become life-long learners who embody moral principles and characteristic which empower them to be inspirational to others.

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Photo Caption

Attentive first grade students utilize Chromebooks for a lesson in one of the blended learning classes at St. Adalbert's on Staten Island (Credit: Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York).