

## **FAQs for Families of Sacred Heart School and Immaculate Conception School**

### **Q: What is happening to Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Schools?**

A: The schools will close as Catholic institutions at the end of the 2024-25 academic year.

### **Q: Why are these schools closing?**

A: The decision to close Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Schools was made outside the Archdiocese of New York's School Viability Study. It reflects a unique opportunity to reimagine education for the benefit of children while preserving communities.

### **Q. What will happen to the schools after they close?**

Brilla Schools Network intends to operate the buildings as charter schools, including an optional Catholic extended-day program provided by Seton Education Partners.

### **Q: Will my child be guaranteed a spot in the new Brilla Charter Schools?**

A: Yes, children currently enrolled at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Schools will receive guaranteed lottery preference in the new Brilla Charter Schools. This preference also extends to siblings of current students.

### **Q: Do families need to participate in a lottery process for Brilla Charter Schools?**

A: Yes, families must formally enter the lottery process, even with the guaranteed preference.

### **Q: Does this lottery preference apply to families from other Catholic schools or parishes?**

A: No, this guaranteed lottery preference is exclusive to families with currently enrolled students at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Schools.

### **Q: What is the Catholic extended-day program?**

A: Seton Education Partners provides an optional program that includes prayer, catechesis, and moral formation rooted in the Catholic faith. More information is available at [www.setonpartners.org](http://www.setonpartners.org).

### **Q: Can my child transfer to another Catholic school in the Archdiocese of New York?**

A: Yes, families may transfer their children to another Catholic school within the Archdiocese. Directors of enrollment for the Bronx region will assist with enrollment and tuition. Updated information will be available at [www.catholicschoolsny.org/announcements](http://www.catholicschoolsny.org/announcements).

**Q: What support is available for teachers and staff affected by the closure?**

A: Efforts are underway to help faculty and staff find positions in other Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York. Updates will be provided as soon as possible.

**Q: When will families receive more information about Brilla?**

A: Brilla Schools Network will soon provide details about the enrollment process and the Catholic extended-day program.

**Q: Where can I learn more about Brilla Schools?**

A: Visit [www.brillaschools.org](http://www.brillaschools.org) for additional information.

**Q: Who can I contact with questions or concerns?**

A: You can reach out to your school principal or email the Superintendent's Office at [super.intendent@archny.org](mailto:super.intendent@archny.org).