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**Catalyst Academy Charter School Reschedules Enrollment Lottery
Lottery Will Be Conducted Online on Wednesday April 22nd at 12 PM**

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania --

As a result of Pennsylvania Governor Wolf's stay at home order issued in mid-March in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, Catalyst Academy Charter School postponed its original enrollment lottery scheduled for March 20th. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday April 22nd at 12pm and will now be held online. The enrollment lottery is open to the public but **applicant parents and families are *not* required to attend**. People can attend either by logging in to the Google online meeting link (<https://meet.google.com/snw-mzxn-ndv>) or via phone (417-986-5717 PIN: 292 411 853#). If parents have questions about the enrollment lottery, Catalyst Academy can be reached at enroll@catalystacademy.org or by calling 412-684-2400.

Catalyst Academy Founder & CEO Brian Smith remarked,
"Our first priority is, and will always be, the safety and health of our future scholars and the Catalyst Academy community. We appreciate the patience and perseverance that our families have shown as the COVID-19 crisis has unfolded. During these unprecedented times, our team has continued to work to ensure that our future scholars have a high quality school option beginning in August 2020. We greatly look forward to conducting our enrollment lottery to take the next step forward in creating our community of Founding Catalyst Academy Families."

About Catalyst Academy Charter School

Catalyst Academy Charter School's mission is to prepare all students for college, career, and life. The school will serve children in underserved East End communities that today lack high-quality neighborhood schools.

Catalyst Academy Charter School's motto is *Belong. Grow. Achieve.* This reflects the school's deep commitment to cultivating an inclusive supportive school community where everyone – children and adults – is focused on learning every day, in order for all students to define and achieve their dreams.

Catalyst Academy Charter School's education model is designed to close both the achievement and opportunity gap. The approach couples rigorous core academics with a broad offering in

the arts and sciences. Students will experience STEM learning daily and arts programming four days per week.

Catalyst Academy will open in August 2020 with kindergarten and 1st grade classes and will grow a grade per year to eventually serve kindergarten through 8th grade. Parents can learn more and apply online at CatalystAcademy.org

For more information, please visit our website at www.catalystacademy.org or contact Brian Smith at (412) 684-2400