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## Marion P. Thomas Charter School Expands Student Enrollment

*MPTCS Will Host An Enrollment Open House on April 16*

**NEWARK, N.J., March 24, 2008** – Marion P. Thomas Charter School (MPTCS), [www.mptcs.org](http://www.mptcs.org), will enroll 120 additional students in kindergarten and first grade in September 2008. "This expansion will allow more of the children on our waiting list to benefit from a Marion P. Thomas Charter School education," comments, Lynette N. Tannis, Principal, MPTCS. To apply for enrollment parents are encouraged to attend the Open House scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 5:00pm at Marion P. Thomas Charter School, 370 South 7th Street, Newark, NJ. Students are selected by a lottery that will be held on June 11, 2008, 6:00pm. For more information about enrollment call 973-621-0060 or visit [www.mptcs.org/openhouse.html](http://www.mptcs.org/openhouse.html).

### Open House Schedule:

- Open House - Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 5:00pm  
MPTCS, 370 South 7th Street, Newark, NJ 07103.  
Attendance is encouraged.
- Lottery – Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 6:00pm,  
MPTCS, 370 South 7th Street, Newark, NJ 07103.  
Someone representing your child must be present at the lottery.

### Student Application Details:

- Must be a Newark resident to qualify
- Kindergarten Students Must Be 5 Years Old On Or Before October 1, 2008
- Applications Are Held For One School Year Only
- Students are admitted into lottery regardless of race, ethnicity or religion, economic status or disability

### About Marion P. Thomas Charter School

Marion P. Thomas Charter School is a community initiative of The New Hope Baptist Church. The school opened its doors in 1999 with 60 students in grades k-2. Today, it services 360 students, with a waiting list of over 400. MPTCS students are admitted by lottery. The next Open House is April 16, 2008 at 5pm at MPTCS, 370 South 7th Street, Newark, NJ. The following lottery will be held on June 11, 2008, 6pm. For further information contact the school office at 973 621-0060.

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are governed by a private Board of Trustees. They are funded at 90% of their traditional public school counterparts. In addition, they do not receive facilities funding.

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