



## Peninsula Preparatory Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

*Queens School Celebrates Move to New Location*



**NEW YORK, September 17, 2008** – The Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School (PPA) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony this morning to celebrate the opening of its new location in Arverne, Queens. The school, formerly co-located with MS 53 in Far Rockaway, opened on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

“On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank everyone involved in making today possible,” said Judith Tyler, principal of PPA. “We are very proud of the success our school has achieved in its short history, and we look forward to great accomplishments in the future.”

PPA’s Board of Trustees, school administration and parents were joined by members of the Rockaway Peninsula community as well as representatives from School District 27. New York State Senate Minority Leader and founding PPA Board member, Malcolm Smith, gave the keynote address and with the help of students and board chair Jeany Persaud, cut the ceremonious ribbon.



“I am delighted to see the amount of support this school receives from the community,” said Dr. Margaret Harrington, Chief Operating Officer of Victory Schools. “It is great to see representatives from government, local business and the surrounding community coming together with the common goal of improving the education of their children.”

***About Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School***

Since its establishment in 2004, the Peninsula Preparatory Academy has worked tirelessly to design and create a school that would give area parents and students a choice to elect a school design where a mission of ‘excellence’ would be unswervingly adhered to and fostered.

Founding Board member and New York State Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith’s recent editorial, “The Charter Difference,” noted that results of a five-year study of NYC charter schools “gives compelling proof that the schools themselves are a major reason why students in charters measurably outperform their traditional public-school counterparts.”

***About Victory Schools***

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