

Victory Announces New School Partner in New York State
The New York City Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries Slated to Open, Fall 2008

NEW YORK, June 5, 2008 – Victory Schools and the board of trustees of the New York City Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (AECI) are proud to announce that AECI has been approved for a Fall 2008 opening. Victory will be partnering with the board to provide management services to the school. In the school’s opening year AECI will serve 125 9th grade students, expanding one grade per year until the Fall of 2011. AECI will be located in School District 7 in the South Bronx. This school marks Victory’s ninth school in New York and its first high school in New York City.

“The children of this community deserve a rigorous academic foundation that will prepare them for a post secondary education and successful professional careers,” said Richard Izquierdo-Arroyo, board chair of AECI. “AECI will provide students with the skills, knowledge, and practical experience needed to pursue a path leading to college and beyond.”

AECI will integrate real world situations into everyday classroom learning to motivate students and connect the classroom with professional situations. The school will work with industry partners and post-secondary institutions to provide students first hand experience with professionals in the field they choose to pursue. Students will also participate in apprenticeships and mentorships that will offer them invaluable real world experience.

The AECI board has selected Ana Celia Delgado as principal. Ms. Delgado joins AECI with over 35 years of experience in the education field; the last four spent as assistant principal at Community School 92 in the Bronx. Ms. Delgado has spent the majority of her educational career in the South Bronx serving Community School District 12 as a teacher, district

coordinator and staff developer. Ms. Delgado began her career in education at the Department of Education in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico as a curriculum developer and teacher.

AECI is currently accepting applications for 8th grade graduates who desire a small and focused learning environment. For more information, contact Victory Schools at (212) 786-7900.

About AECI

AECI's educational program is designed to fully integrate core academic subjects, project-based classroom learning, and career-related field experiences. The architecture, engineering, and construction industry theme will be embedded across the core curriculum in math, science, history, and English language arts/communication. Through a strong college and career advisory component AECI will cultivate and support expectations for post-secondary learning and career options.

About Victory Schools

Victory Schools is a national leader in public/private school management partnerships. Victory's mission is to create the finest public schools in America through partnerships with state departments of education, local boards of education, teachers, teachers unions, outstanding community groups and parents. The company is unique in its consultative approach to assisting public school districts; its strong emphasis on partnerships with all public education stakeholders; and its desire to provide the highest quality, most personalized service to the schools and districts we serve. Victory was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in New York City. This fall the company will provide services to 19 public and charter schools serving approximately 7,000 children in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. For further information, Victory can be contacted at (212) 786-7900

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