



## Odyssey Charter School

*Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning*

To: Odyssey Families and Associates  
Date: December 31, 2009

cc: Odyssey Charter School Board  
Anthony Skoutelas, Odyssey Headmaster

Happy holidays to all! This has been an eventful year for Odyssey Charter School. We opened our new Upper Elementary Campus allowing the full spectrum of K-5 grades as authorized through Red Clay, conducted fund raising with the annual AHEPA 5K Run, added the PTO Spirit Walk-a-Thon, and recently enjoyed the children's Holiday Programs that I understand will remain unrivaled by any other schools. We are financially sound, well respected by the community, and most importantly, our students are learning and growing into the fine young citizens we strive for them to be.

As we continue the Odyssey journey and enter the next decade, your Board diligently works on a strategy of long-term sustainable growth. An important part of that effort is to secure Odyssey's place among the top educational programs in the State. We made good progress on that front with a collaborative project under the leadership of Dr Fulkerson from the state Department of Education. From that work, this year we are following a Greek language curricular roadmap that is fully aligned with Delaware foreign language standards. Investment in academics, however, is not enough for the future we envision. Odyssey must also gain equal legal standing with other educational and government entities in Delaware. We look to achieve that goal through a charter transition and expansion process with the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE).

This week, the Odyssey Board officially made application for a DDOE charter allowing the phased growth of operations for grades K-12, starting as early as 2011/2012. If approved, Odyssey will be able to vie for, and hopefully secure, surplus facilities to house a Middle School and then a High School as they become available. I am very encouraged by our future prospects with DDOE and look forward to sharing more details of Odyssey's projected growth program as we progress through the State charter application review over the next few months.

Until then and on behalf of the Odyssey Board, we wish you all the best in 2010!  
George

*George Chambers, Board President  
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