

June 2, 2020

Dear Members of the Charter Arts Community,

The world continues its fight against the Coronavirus, and our nation is now also grieving and responding to the death of George Floyd and the subsequent protests this past weekend.

The community of Charter Arts stands in solidarity with all Americans who oppose injustice. We mourn the death of George Floyd and grieve for all who have lost so much as we experience genuine and legitimate frustration at the system of economic and racial oppression that dominates our society.

As educators, our duty is to passionately support and lead the young men and women in our care as we teach them the skills they need to navigate this world. At Charter Arts, our vision statement guides our work to develop the next generation of collaborative artists and innovative thinkers who will impact the world with a unique vision and voice. Their voice has never been so important.

As we finish one school year and look to the next, Charter Arts will continue to encourage all students to engage in productive discourse and to process their emotions with the support of one another, our faculty and staff, and through their own art form.

This movement for change will need sustained action, and I am confident that our students will find ways to contribute and be empathetic global citizens at a time when it is needed most.

Sincerely,

***Diane LaBelle***

Executive Director & CEO

#### Mission Statement

*The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.*