

**Frequently Asked Questions Related to the Closing of
Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School
May 11, 2026**

The closure of a charter school can be very difficult for school stakeholders, particularly students, families, and school staff. This process can also adversely impact the community in which the school is located. The primary purpose of this list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is to answer critical, time-sensitive questions from parents and guardians of students currently enrolled in this charter school, as well as administrators, faculty and staff, and the public.

On Saturday, May 9, 2026, the board of trustees for **Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School** voted to withdraw the school's submitted renewal application. As a result, the school's charter will be terminated on its expiration date of Tuesday, June 30, 2026, which effectively will close the school on that date. The New York State Education Department will work with the school to protect the best interests of displaced families and staff with a focus on assisting successful transitions for all parties involved

1. Why is Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School closing?

After careful deliberation and analysis of current enrollment trends and projections, the Board of Trustees has determined that continuing operations is no longer in the best interest of our community. The projected enrollment trends will not adequately support the mission and vision of our institution, and we believe this decision demonstrates our commitment to responsible stewardship and putting the needs of our students and families first.

2. When is the last day of instruction?

The last day of instruction at the school is Thursday, June 24, 2026. The school will officially close on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Additional office support will be available for a limited time post June 30, 2026.

3. How will I find a new school for my child next year?

The New York State Education Department will coordinate with the school and the Buffalo City Public Schools District to provide students enrolled at Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School with as many enrollment alternatives as possible, including at other charter schools.

4. How do I obtain a copy of my child's records?

Copies of your child's records are available to you, upon request, at the school.

5. Do I have to forward my child's records to her/his new school?

Copies of your child's records will be forwarded, automatically, by Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School upon your child's enrollment in another school and/or upon dissolution of the school's education corporation.

6. What happens if I have not chosen a new school for my child by June 30, 2026?

It is in the best interest of families in this situation to make decisions prior to the date of school closure. In the event that you have not selected a school by June 30, 2026, you may

have significantly fewer options in placing your child for next year. All student records will be sent to your district of residence if a records request is not received by that date. Please note that additional office support will be available for a limited time post June 30, 2026.

7. Is the school financially stable?

NYSED made no findings of fiscal issues.

8. Is there anything that can be done to prevent closure?

The school's board of trustees' vote to withdraw a submitted application/to surrender its charter is final and not subject to appeal.

9. Is anything being done to help employees of the school find new jobs?

The board of trustees and the school leadership are able to assist with helping employees find new jobs. Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School is working with all employees to provide resume reviews, headshot photos, and opportunities to interview. Primary Hall Preparatory Charter School will host a job fair at the school Wednesday, May 20, 2026 for all current employees.

10. Who can I contact with additional questions?

The liaison at the New York State Education Department is Susan Gibbons. She may be reached at (518)-474-1762 or Susan.Gibbons@nysed.gov. The trustee liaison is Board Chair, Tiffany Hamilton (thamilton@primaryhall.org). The school liaison for families is Samantha Andermanis (sandermanis@primaryhall.org). Current teachers and staff should reach out to Brianna Quaranto (bquaranto@primaryhall.org) regarding staff concerns and Heather Maclin (hmaclin@primaryhall.org) regarding building operations.

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