



"Thrive Charter School is Full of Love and Compassion"

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Dear Editor,

As a grandparent with several grandchildren at Thrive Charter School, I have seen how our public school offers a close-knit, family-oriented atmosphere for all students.

Thrive is a new tuition-free and open-enrollment public charter school in our community serving grades K-12. The school, formerly known as Trenton Catholic, was recently converted to a charter school. Through the conversion, I kept my grandchildren at the school because it has the same loving and compassionate environment that helped them excel academically, socially, and emotionally.

When my daughter passed away last year, the Thrive community stepped in to help our family with meals and a shoulder to lean on. They have been a constant support system as we have navigated the grief in the many difficult months that followed. Thrive is more than just a school to us, but a place of love and compassion. That's what sets them apart.

Thrive Charter School is a remarkable place where teachers and faculty treat parents and guardians as part of the school's extended family, where I am now known as "Thrive's grandmother".

Students here belong to a community that looks after their wellbeing, the perfect fit for my grandkids. I'm grateful that Thrive Charter School is already a bastion of hope and light and I can't wait for everyone in our community to learn more about this special place.

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