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**Riverhead Charter School in Final Stages of Land Acquisition for New High School
Calverton, NY [8/22/24] –**

Riverhead Charter School (RCS) is pleased to announce that it is in the final stages of securing a 13.7-acre parcel of land on Middle Country Road in Calverton, NY, to construct a new high school. The property, zoned as a rural corridor, is deemed suitable for educational use.

"The acquisition of this land represents a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for the students of our community," said Dr. Raymond Ankrum, Superintendent of RCS. "We have been diligently searching for the ideal location for our new high school for the past five years, and we are confident that this property meets our needs and will allow us to continue to grow and thrive."

Over the past five years, the school has negotiated contracts with four potential parcels. The process has been complex and time-consuming, but the school is now in the final stages of ironing out this parcel's contract details.

"We understand that there has been some local contention between charter schools and traditional public schools in the area, which has been exacerbated by local media coverage," said Dr. Ankrum. "As a result, we have adopted a 'keep things close to the vest' approach to our land acquisition efforts. We are now excited to be able to share this positive news with our community."

The new high school will provide state-of-the-art facilities and resources for grades 9-12 students. It will offer a rigorous academic program, a wide range of extracurricular activities, and student leadership and development opportunities.

"We are committed to providing our students with the best possible education," said Dr. Ankrum. "The new high school will allow us to do just that. We are excited about the future of RCS and the positive impact that this new school will have on our community."

About Riverhead Charter School

Riverhead Charter School is a public charter school serving students in grades K-12. The school is committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in college and beyond. RCS is a diverse and inclusive community that values all its students' unique talents and perspectives.

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