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PENNSYLVANIA APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS CHARTER SCHOOL GEARED TOWARD CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA

The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania has, by 6-1 vote, granted approval to Provident Charter School for Children with Dyslexia to open its school in the former North Catholic High School on Troy Hill in Pittsburgh. Provident will be the first charter school in Pennsylvania to focus its curriculum toward those with dyslexia and other language based reading disorders.

The School is the brain child of Pittsburgh native Curtis Kossman who himself, along with his two children, has dyslexia. Mr. Kossman's son attends a private school in Buffalo that focuses on students with dyslexia. "I wanted to start Provident because while I am fortunate enough to be able to afford to send my son to private school, most parents of children struggling with dyslexia are not." By forming a charter school Kossman "wants to make the intensive remediation needed to overcome dyslexia available to all children."

Kossman has assembled a team of board members and consultants who are passionate about education and about helping those with disabilities. Board member Jennifer Fichtner has a daughter with dyslexia and has been involved with Provident for almost 5 years. "What Curtis has done by his passion and leadership will benefit families in Pittsburgh for years to come" said Fichtner. "I know from when my daughter attended a specialized school in Memphis that a multi-sensory approach can make a huge difference to a child with dyslexia."

"The Board is the strength of this effort" said Kossman. "I am sure the Charter Appeal Board and Commonwealth Court realized that this is a serious group with the talent and determination to make this school a reality."

Provident will be hiring staff and teachers in the upcoming weeks and months as well as recruiting students. Those interested in Provident should visit www.providentcharterschool.org