

JOHN P. HOLLAND SCHOOLS CONDUCTS LOTTERY FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER

(Paterson, NJ) The John P. Holland Charter School conducted its annual student lottery yesterday for placement during the 2015-2016 school year, announced principal, and founder Christina Scano.

The lottery is used to select students for admission to the K-8th grade school from a waiting list of those who have applied to the charter school. Students are numerically ranked based on the order they are chosen in the lottery conducted by the school's attorney and staff.

Scano said the school would not know the number of open spots in the lottery until June, when she will be notified of the number of returning students. She said that 100 kindergarten students were ranked and 100 students were ranked for the remaining grades.

"I wish we had positions for all the students that applied. It's clear that parents want an education option for their children and we are doing our best to give it to as many of them as we can accommodate," said Scano.

Scano said there are 300 children on the school's waiting list.

Scano, a former public school teacher, founded the John P. Holland Charter School in 2011. The K-8 School is located on Oliver Street in Paterson and serves 199 students. The school recently had its charter renewed for five years by the State Department of Education.