

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell makes statement regarding closure of City on a Hill Charter School

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell made the following statement regarding the closure of City on a Hill Charter School:

"I am grateful that Commissioner Riley has moved to end the operations of a school whose record of low achievement and high attrition was exactly what many of us predicted when it was first proposed in 2012. I am pleased that the elimination of the city's obligation to fund City on a Hill will partially offset the significant added expense associated with the expanded Alma del Mar Charter School, and we look forward to welcoming those City on a Hill students who will be returning to New Bedford Public Schools next year."

Statement of New Bedford Public Schools Superintendent Thomas Anderson regarding closure of City on a Hill Charter School

"We strive to ensure that all children receive an excellent education, and we are willing to do what is necessary to assist in this situation. New Bedford Public Schools always was and continues to be the best education option for these students. We look forward to them reentering our public schools and encourage them to visit our Family Engagement Center, located at 455 County Street, to discuss the registration process. For the benefit of these students and their families we will collaborate with City on a Hill to make this transition as smooth as possible. "

– Superintendent Thomas Anderson