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(Rock Hill, SC) York Preparatory Academy, a free public charter school in Rock Hill, SC and recipient of the 2018 National Blue Ribbon Award, announces the location of York Prep's second campus opening Fall of 2022.

The new school will be located 12 miles southeast of our main campus within a vibrant new community called Kettlesong. With its focus of connecting families to nature and the community, Kettlesong (<https://kettlesong.com>) is the ideal setting for our Place-based Education school.

Place-based education is a complete education and has a proven track record of higher learning outcomes by immersing students in local landscapes, heritage and culture, thereby providing hands-on opportunities and experiences as a foundation for study. In short, it helps students understand their world and contribute in real and meaningful ways.

As the first of its kind in the state, the YPA campus at Kettlesong will draw students from Rock Hill, Fort Mill, and other York County communities as well as Chester and Lancaster counties and provide the opportunity to:

- Increase in time spent outdoors, thus improving their mental, physical, and social well-being
- Practice hands-on learning across the curriculum in nature and the community
- Engage in a learning environment that will make them eager to come to school
- Understand and practice sustainability in both nature and the community
- Grow student's environmental stewardship
- Participate in community civic matters fostering their understanding of civic responsibility
- Expand and satisfy curiosity, thus producing life-long learners

At its Fall 2022 opening, YPA Kettlesong will enroll students in grades K-5, with the addition of grades 6-8 coming online in subsequent years. While enrollment for the new school is not on the immediate horizon, parents interested in receiving updates on the new campus should complete a [Parent Interest Form](#) or contact brooke.bruner@yorkprepsc.org for more information.

Together with the students, families and the community, York Preparatory Academy has pursued and achieved big things over the past 10 years. This announcement is another big step forward as it will welcome hundreds more students into the YPA family. Our students are indeed the future and the future is brilliant.