

Appendix X: EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation Annual Report

EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation

In Support of EastSide Charter School



Annual Report

2013-2014



Academic Gains at EastSide

Annual Report 2013-2014

Dear Friends, Families and Supporters,

The EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation is pleased to present our Annual Report highlighting the continued and remarkable outcomes at EastSide Charter School during the 2013-2014 school year. We are pleased to announce that EastSide met, “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) for the fourth consecutive year and that our DCAS proficiency exam scores continued to rise in both math and reading.

It has been an exciting year to be at EastSide: we hosted U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Dr. Browne was named one of five Outstanding School Leaders by the Delaware Department of Education, we achieved a STAR Level 5 (the highest possible rating) for our Pre-K program and expanded our Early Learning Academy to serve up to 66 Pre-K students in 2014-2015.

The state and national recognition EastSide received this year is emblematic of the remarkable progress being made at our school. The results witnessed at EastSide prove that it is possible to achieve high performance in inner city Wilmington and should inspire educational leaders across the state to replicate the progress at EastSide.

Over the past three years, EastSide has witnessed some of the fastest growth among Delaware charter schools with regards to academic proficiency and we are excited for the future and grateful for your support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Charles S. McDowell, Esq.
Chairman of the Board

Lamont W. Browne, Ed.D.
Head of School/Principal

EASTSIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles S. McDowell, Esq., Chair
Rodman Ward, III, Vice-Chair
Tara D. Elliott, Esq., Secretary
Thomas C. Humphrey, Treasurer

James Bonds
Debbie A. Bullock, Ed.D.
James P. Dalle Pазze, Esq.
Michael Hare
Paul Harrell
Lakeisha Jones
Nicholas Medaglio
Donna G. Mitchell
Marcus D. Mitchell
John S. Riley
Eric Robinson
Rashonda Robinson, Esq.
H. M. (Chip) Sawyer, III
Leroy A. Tice, Esq.
Gisele Torres
Jeania Watson
Joy Zaben

Lamont W. Browne, Ed. D.
Head of School, Ex-Officio

Matt Clements
Director of Development

Community Advisory Board

Donald C. DeWees, Jr.
Richard P. DiSabatino
Edward A. Reznick
Laurisa Schutt
Jocelyn Stewart

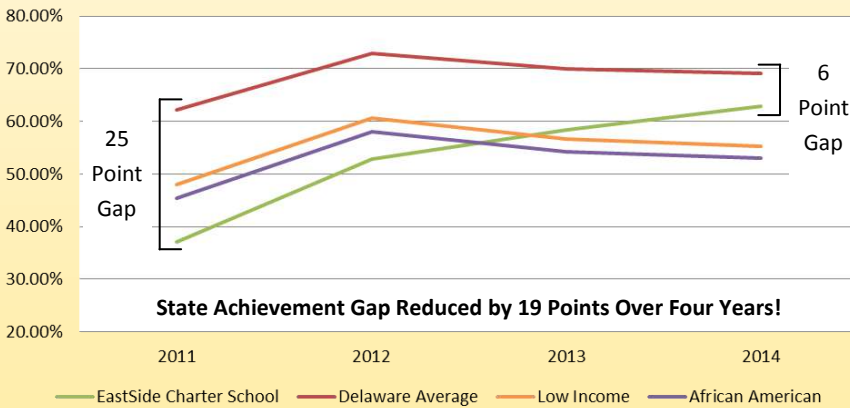


Students Celebrate DCAS Success

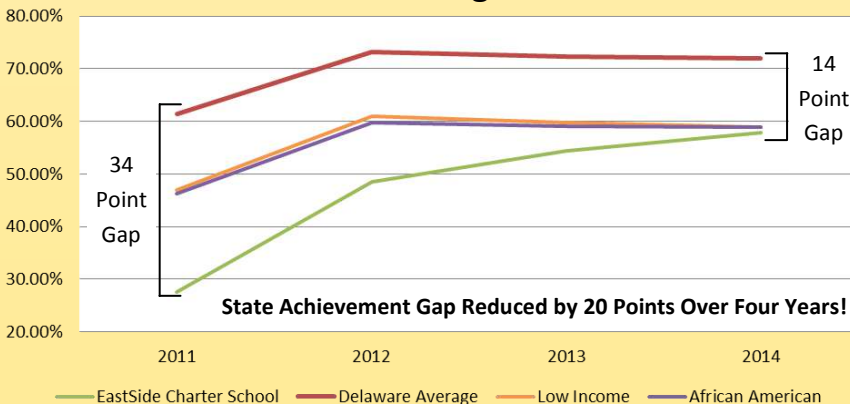
We're Closing the Achievement Gap!

For the fourth consecutive year, EastSide made “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) as determined by the State of Delaware! In 2014, 58% of EastSide students tested “proficient” on state exams in reading and 63% tested proficient in math. These numbers represent a 30 point growth in reading and a 26 point growth in math over the past four years. Importantly, our students continued to close the achievement gap. EastSide scores now exceed statewide averages for African American and Low Income students in math and are equal with statewide averages in reading for these same demographic groups. The graphs below depict the tremendous progress made by our students

DCAS Math Scores



DCAS Reading Scores



Special Education Gains at EastSide

Nearly 20% of EastSide students are classified as special education and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). At the beginning of the school turnaround in 2010, these students were among the poorest performing students in the school with only 10% rated proficient in math and only 7% proficient in reading. Over the past four years, the school has made special education a major focal point in staffing, training and resources provided to special education students. And the results of these concentrated efforts have been remarkable. This year, 37% of special education students tested proficient in math and 34% of these students tested proficient in reading. These numbers represent a 27 point growth in both math and reading over the four year testing period! Moreover, 72% of special education students met annual growth goals in math and 64% of these students met annual reading goals. These figures demonstrate EastSide’s commitment to providing every child with the high quality education they deserve.



DCAS Pep Rally



Engaging Pre-K Environment

Pre-K Program Expansion

With the generous support of the corporate and philanthropic community, EastSide opened an expanded Pre-K facility in September 2014 to serve up to 66 Pre-K students annually (rendering below). The project, which is several years in the making, will build a greater connection between early childhood education and the traditional K-12 education system. The initiative will go a long way to closing the educational gap of our students while better preparing them for the academic rigor of the Common Core at a younger age. EastSide is proud of the results of the initial Pre-K class in 2013-2014 and will build upon these gains in the coming years.

2013-2014 Pre-K Outcomes

- 95% of Pre-K students this year passed our Kindergarten readiness exam and are considered, “ready to learn” at grade level
- 100% of Pre-K students this year are currently enrolled for Kindergarten at EastSide next year



STAR Level 5 Designation

This year, EastSide worked hard to deliver a high quality Pre-K program while participating in the Delaware STARS program. The STARS program rates early childhood education programs on a scale of 1 to 5 based on environmental and instructional indicators. The rating is then used to determine the level of reimbursement each provider receives through the State’s Purchase of Care program (daycare for children of low-income, working parents). The higher the STAR rating, the higher the reimbursement rate, and the greater ability of the program to offer sustained, quality services. Our goal this year was an ambitious jump from a STAR 2 to a STAR 4 or 5. Staff and leadership worked around the clock to meet the rigorous demands of the STARS program; developing an engaging curriculum, measuring student growth and ensuring students had the proper classroom materials needed to be successful. After a comprehensive review, we were proud to announce that the EastSide Pre-K program was officially designated a STAR Level 5! EastSide is the first charter school in Delaware to participate in this program and the first school to receive a STAR 5 designation!



STAR Students



Arne Duncan Visits EastSide

U.S. D.O.E. Visit

In April, EastSide was honored to host U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Delaware Governor Jack Markell, and Delaware Secretary of Education Mark Murphy to highlight EastSide's success and participation in the Delaware Talent Co-operative through the national Race to the Top program. Secretary Duncan met with school and community leaders, toured the Pre-K classroom and participated in a round table discussion with select EastSide teachers focusing on teacher incentives, performance and results. Secretary Duncan, Governor Markell, and Secretary Murphy left EastSide impressed with the school's remarkable progress in recent years, the culture of professional development enabled by school leadership and the dedication of the teachers in delivering high quality education to one of the State's most underserved populations.

Like EastSide on Facebook!



School Focus and Highlights

The gains we continue to see in DCAS testing scores and the excitement surrounding our Pre-K expansion are just some of the special initiatives taking place at EastSide. Here are some other major highlights that took place during 2013-2014:

- EastSide students made a remarkable 1.5 and 1.7 average years of academic growth in math and reading respectively during the 2013-2014 school year.
- EastSide led a collaboration of four Wilmington charter schools to implement the Teaching Excellence Framework, a rigorous teacher evaluation and professional development model. These are the only schools in Delaware implementing an alternative teacher evaluation model which has better prepared our teachers to provide top-level instruction on a daily basis.
- EastSide retained 86% of its staff for the 2014-2015 school year.
- EastSide retained 94% of non-graduating students for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Student attendance for the 2013-2014 school year was 94.7%.
- The student suspension rate this year was 1.31 (per 1,000 student days). Reflecting a 164% decrease in student suspensions compared to 2012-2013 and a 380% decrease over a two year period, marking the tremendous progress made in school climate and behavior in recent years.
- EastSide was named one of the Delaware News Journal's Top Workplaces in 2014! This ranking supports the strong professional development and culture of support created at EastSide, making our school a great place to teach and learn.

The following programs received continued support through supplemental funding provided by generous individuals and the corporate and philanthropic community:

- Universal free breakfast and lunches
- Free after-school tutoring
- Quarterly community service days
- Summer enrichment program targeted at academic performance of new and struggling students
- Mentoring program benefiting over 100 students
- Supplemental school counseling and special education services
- Pre-K program expansion and ongoing operations
- Educationally enriching student field trips

Pre-K Expansion Financials

The expansion of Pre-K services is a core commitment of EastSide and the project has a capital and operating budget. Initial capital costs are outlined below.

Purchase and install 4 Modular Units	\$ 320,359
Site Work, etc.	\$ 321,407
General Conditions	\$ 109,212
Furnishings, Supplies & Materials	\$ 45,722
Architect/Engineering	\$ 27,675
Building Renovations	\$ 19,781
Total Start Up Capital Costs	\$ 844,156
Grants received to date	\$ 704,300
Additional capital funds needed	\$ 139,856

In addition to the capital burden, the Pre-K expansion will incur a significant operating deficit depicted below.

Operating Revenue:	
Private (Family Contribution)	\$ 13,068
Purchase of Care (State of Delaware)	\$ 231,931
Total Receipts	\$ 244,999
Operating Expenditures:	
Salaries	
- Teachers (3)	\$ 117,232
- Para Professionals (3)	\$ 82,215
- Director/Instructional Coach	\$ 27,500
Other Employment Costs	\$ 89,751
Learning Materials	
- Professional Development	\$ 2,000
- Field Trips	\$ 1,000
Expenditures Before General Overhead	\$ 319,698
Operating Deficit Before Gen Overhead	\$ (74,699)
General Overhead Allocation	\$ 222,663
Operating Deficit After Gen Overhead	\$(297,362)

Building Lasting Relationships

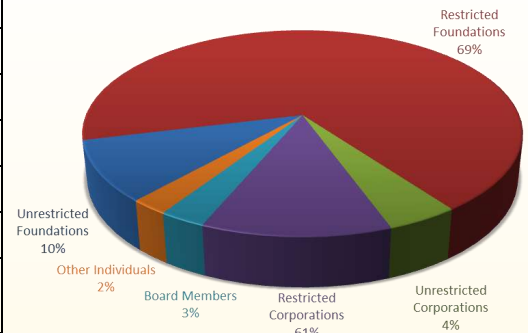


Foundation Financial Statement

The Foundation uses contributions to fund capital projects as well as to provide the school with an annual grant to provide supplemental educational programs.

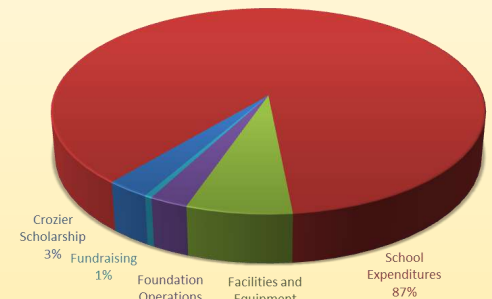
Contributions	
<i>Unrestricted Contributions</i>	
Foundations	\$ 71,900
Corporations	\$ 51,053
Board Members	\$ 24,993
Other Individuals	\$ 24,560
Total Unrestricted	\$ 172,506
<i>Restricted Contributions</i>	
Foundations	\$ 727,800
Corporations	\$ 121,500
Total Restricted	\$ 849,300
Total Contributions	\$ 1,021,806

Contributions



Operating Expenditures	
Crozier Scholarship	\$ 7,985
School Expenditures	\$ 244,946
Facilities and Equipment	\$ 19,281
Foundation Operations	\$ 7,047
Fundraising	\$ 1,407
Total Expenditures	\$ 280,666

Operating Expenditures



Overview of Accounts	
Net Assets (Beginning of Year)	\$ 782,152
Change in Assets	\$ 741,140
Net Assets (End of Year)	\$ 1,523,292
Fund Balances	
Crozier Scholarship Endowment	\$ 589,630
Capital Reserve for Early Learning Academy	\$ 674,219
Funds committed to support School programs during 2014-2015	\$ 259,443
Total Funds	\$ 1,523,292

Achieving our mission is not possible without your support!

We greatly appreciate all of those listed below who have generously contributed to our successful 2013-2014 year. With your continuing support, we will achieve our goal of seeing that Every Child will Learn. Every dollar affects the education of EastSide students.

\$1,000-\$4,999

Donald DeWees, Jr.	Ann Melczak	Thronson Foundation
Michael J. Hare	Donna and H. David Mitchell	Clint and Carolyn Walker
Isibindi Trust	The Pincus Family	Rodman Ward, Jr.
Joseph Janssen, Jr.	Edward A. Reznick	Rodman Ward III
Steven P. and Joyce Lamb	Chip Sawyer	Joy Zaben
Marvin Family Foundation	H. Murray Sawyer, Jr.	

Up To \$999

Robert Andrzejewski	Thomas C. Humphrey	Rashonda Robinson
Dr. Alexander Balan	Frederick Iobst	Rodel Foundation
Adam Balick	John Jessup	James G. Rogers, III.
Debra L. Black	John F. and Dede Johnston	David and Louise Roselle
James Bonds	Kevin Kleinschmidt	Rudolph Scaggs
David and Gwen Brown	Lewis Lazarus	Gilbert and Joyce Scarborough
E. Matthew Brown	Alan Levin	Laurisa Schutt
Paul Bryant	Jeanne Lewis	Patricia Schwartz
Chris and Debbie Bullock	Martin Mand	Kevin Shannon
Michael N. Castle	David Margules	Christian and Beth Singewald
Fiore and Theresa Celano	David Marvin	David Solacoff
Tom and Alexis Cicone	George Massih	William Spruance Jr.
James Newton Coker	David C. McBride	Michael and Jennifer Stillabower
P. Clarkson Collins	Tom and Kathleen McDonough	Marge and Don Stitz
John Connor	Nicholas Medaglio	William Sudell
The Hon. Christopher A. and Ann M. Coons	Donald Mell, Jr.	Jonathan and Leslie Taylor
James Dalle Pазze	Joseph P. Melloy	Leroy Tice
Delaware Community Foundation	Marcus Mitchell	Edward Tucker
Brian Disabatino	Michael Olin Clark	Alison and Michael Tumas
Richard P. DiSabatino	Francis P. Parker	Jackie and Thomas Van Grofski
W Harding Drane Jr	Don and Ethel Parsons	E. Norman Veasey
Theodore Dwyer	Yogish Patel	Steven P. Walczak
Richard Eckman	Gregory Pettinaro	Peter J. Walsh, Esq.
Tara Elliott	Paul Pinson	James and Lori Weddell
Robert and Suzanne Fraser	Michael S. Purzycki	Michael Weiss
Arnold Frey	Pratt Insurance Inc.	Henry L. Weiner
Matt Greenberg	Florence Rice	Cynthia Weston-Kreal
Pierre and Martina Hayward	Charles Richards Jr.	Stuart Young
Paul Harrell, Jr.	John S. Riley	
	David and Patricia Ripsom	

In-Kind Contributions

James Bonds	Barlowe Keys	Westminster Presbyterian Church
Tom and Alexis Cicone	Melissa Nerlinger	



Supporting Family Engagement

\$5,000 AND ABOVE

Barclays Bank DE
BHA Foundation
Bob's Discount Furniture
Capital One Services LLC
Charles and May Lou McDowell
Corporation Service Company
Crystal Trust
Curran Foundation Inc.
Delaware Curative Workshop
Deutsche Bank Foundation
Ellice & Rosa McDonald Foundation
Jocelyn Stewart
The Laffey McHugh Foundation
Longwood Foundation Inc.
Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited
Welfare Foundation
The Wyeth Foundation
Yaverland Foundation

We have made every effort to accurately record all contributions, but if there are any errors or omissions, please let us know so we can correct our records and offer an appropriate thank you.

Strive. Succeed. Soar.

The Gift of Education

Every dollar donated is a dollar that enables students' achievement. Choose one of these easy ways to donate to EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation.

Cash/Check/Credit Card Gifts may be mailed to:

EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation

3000 N. Claymont Street

Wilmington, DE 19802

Online Donations can be made by visiting the EastSide Charter School website - www.eastsidecharterschool.org

You can now give to EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation through United Way of Delaware # 12775

Thank you for your support.

The **mission** of EastSide Charter School is to educate every child in a safe, caring and nurturing environment so that they can excel academically and socially. We believe that all children are capable of mastering content standards and meeting social expectations when they have thorough understanding, adequate time and appropriate support. Students are viewed as **individuals** and every effort is made to accommodate each child's unique gifts and talents.



Fostering Growth Through Mentoring Partnerships

EastSide Charter School

3000 North Claymont Street

Wilmington, DE 19802

302.762.5834 Phone

www.eastsidecharterschool.org



NON-PROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PD

WILMINGTON, DE

Permit No.491

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Strive. Succeed. Soar.