Appendix X: EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation Annual Report
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.
Lamont W. Browne, Ed.D.
Chairman of the Board
Head of School/Principal
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.

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.

Students Celebrate DCAS Success

DCAS Math Scores

State Achievement Gap Reduced by 19 Points Over Four Years!

DCAS Reading Scores

State Achievement Gap Reduced by 20 Points Over Four Years!
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!

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

Engaging Pre-K Environment

STAR Students
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)

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

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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

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.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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 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.

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

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Thank you for your support.