

Dear Friends,

The 2019–20 year was unlike any in the history of Community Partnership School (CPS). The year began on a high note with our ribbon cutting celebration, officially marking the next chapter in CPS' story. As the year progressed, we proudly welcomed a host of supporters, neighbors, prospective families, and friends to our new campus to learn more about our vision for expanding our critical and affirming work.

Then March came and much of the world, as we knew it, changed. Who could have known that two widespread diseases would visit us in such urgent ways: the COVID-19 pandemic and the brutal examples of racial injustice caught on camera yet again.

This is such an unpredictable time, but a bright spot for CPS is the way these challenges have brought folks together who might not have connected otherwise. The mutuality and generosity manifest during the past year, especially through the spring, have been hallmarks of our community since its inception. Whether in support of our capital campaign and relocation effort or by answering the call in support of our Bridge the Gap campaign, your efforts, however big or small, left a lasting impression that will be felt for years to come.

Enjoy the highlights included here from the past year. As we enter Fall of 2020, questions remain about public health, economic prospects, and civic life. Yet we remain steadfast in our commitment to do all we can to create a world where all children have access to a high-quality education. Your ongoing generosity and encouragement keep us mission-centered, resilient, and strong, always but especially during challenging times like this.

Many thanks,

Eric Jones Head of School



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School Year Highlights

Ribbon Cutting

On September 9th, 2019, the CPS community officially celebrated the move to our new home at 3033 W. Glenwood Avenue with a joyful ribbon cutting ceremony that brought together local leaders, donors, families and staff. The event began with heartfelt testimonials from two CPS fifth-graders, who spoke about their love for CPS and the impact the school has had on their development. It was an honor to have Tonnetta Graham, President of the Strawberry Mansion Community Development Corporation and CPS board member, serve as emcee. Speakers included State Senator Sharif Street, State Representative Donna Bullock, the former President and CEO of PIDC, John Grady, Lombard International Executive Chairman and Co-Chair of our Building Futures, Changing Lives Campaign, John Hillman, and CPS Head of School, Eric Jones. This ceremony marked the beginning of an exciting transition for CPS, as we expand programming and broaden

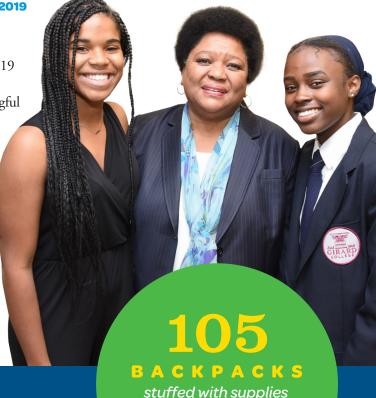


community impact as a hub for education and empowerment in North Philadelphia and beyond.

Leadership Luncheon 2019

CPS had the distinct privilege of recognizing Charisse Lillie as our 2019 Leadership Luncheon honoree for her meaningful contributions to civic, business, and philanthropic life throughout the Delaware Valley. The annual event was hosted at CPS for the first time, and more than 100 guests celebrated with us. Two of our accomplished

alumnae, Amber (CPS '13, Springside Chestnut Hill Academy '20) and Justice (CPS '13, Girard College '20), spoke about the role CPS has played in their lives. All three women who shared their stories left guests inspired to lead and give back within their communities.



and donated to students

to start the 2020-21

school year

Many Thanks!

The generosity of volunteers contributes to the foundation upon which Community Partnership School is built. During the 2019–2020 school year, the following volunteers spent quality time in classrooms, the lunchroom, the library, and in our after school programs supporting the academic and social-emotional development of CPS students. When our instruction moved to remote

learning in the Spring, many of our volunteers continued to meet with their classes virtually, assisting teachers and providing another friendly face greeting CPS students during uncertain times. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers!

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Fall Festival

Council, working in close partnership with our friends at P.J. Clarke's Philadelphia, welcomed more than 200 guests to CPS' Fall Festival. This fantastic free event featured games and prizes, delicious food, and even a stilt walker! This year marked the first time the event was open to all in the school community and neighborhood. The event was an incredible success and helped dozens of local families learn more about what CPS offers.

In late October, the CPS Family

Wax Museum

Each February, members of the CPS 4th and 5th Grade classes embark



Celebrate CPS

For nearly a decade, Celebrate CPS has been more than just an annual event. It is a unique celebration bringing together the diverse stakeholders that make up the CPS community—donors, families, volunteers, educators, and community partners. Every year guests share how the evening is not only enjoyable and inspiring but showcases the critical mission and extraordinary work of Community Partnership School. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 shutdown, Celebrate CPS 2020 honoring Melanie and Billy King had to be canceled. Proceeds from the event typically account for 25% of our total annual revenue, so this cancelation served as a significant financial setback. We are grateful to the following partners, many of whom maintained their commitment to our community and redirected their support to help CPS bridge the gap!

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In mid-March, as schools in Pennsylvania and around the country began closing their doors to help curb the spread of COVID-19, Community Partnership School transitioned to a remote learning environment. Our school introduced a 1:1 student technology program when we relocated last year, which allowed CPS to provide devices to students who did not have access to technology at home. Our teachers and Ms. Vaccaro, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, worked diligently to create a user-friendly and easily accessible platform for CPS students to learn new material, connect with their friends, and continue receiving a high-quality CPS education.

CPS students, families, and faculty quickly adjusted to the change and made the best of the situation. Our students learned the ins and outs of Zoom meetings, and our teachers created amazing content to enrich our students' experiences. CPS students even continued their art, music, and physical education virtually! It is a testament to the dedication of our students', families', and educators' hard work that 100% of our students participated in remote learning, and our community as a whole had a strong finish to the year.

Our Student Support Services team, including our School Psychologist, School Counselor, and our Family Life Coordinator, continues to work closely with our students and families, and has throughout the entire shutdown period.



This group provides social-emotional support and helps families navigate new obstacles that have arisen from the pandemic. While the circumstances that brought us to this point were impossible to predict, we know there is no limit to the creativity and resourcefulness of the CPS faculty and staff!

Bridge the Gap Campaign

The CPS community is rooted in our 3Cs: curiosity, courage, and compassion. This spring, we were fortunate to see so many of our friends embrace compassion through their support of our Bridge the Gap campaign. Led by the incredible generosity of The McCausland Foundation and Emily and Mike Cavanagh, the CPS community raised more than \$400,000 in less than three months. This funding helped bridge the financial gap caused by the cancelation of Celebrate CPS, our annual gala. The campaign helped ensure our school community's ability to thrive and support future generations of students and families.



In Memorium - Bert Korman

In July 2020, the CPS community lost a great champion and friend in Berton Korman. Mr. Korman was a dedicated philanthropist, supporting numerous organizations in Philadelphia and throughout the country, including Community Partnership School. Mr. Korman's involvement with CPS began more than a decade ago, and most recently, he and his wife Sallie made a leadership gift to our *Building Futures*, *Changing Lives* Capital Campaign. Our heartfelt condolences are with his family, including his daughter, long-time volunteer and CPS Trustee, Carolyn Korman Jacobs.

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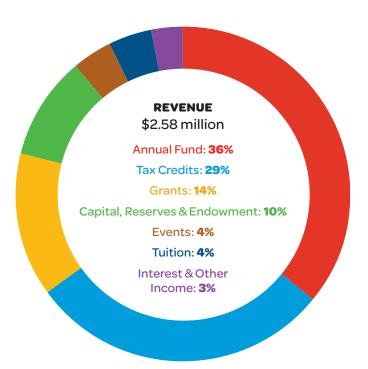
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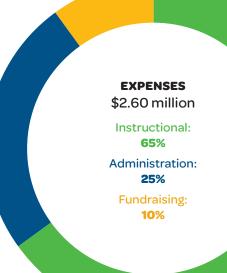


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Class of 2020 Review

The 11 students who make up the CPS class of 2020 are dynamic, generous, and thoughtful individuals who will each make their unique mark on the world. As was commonplace for commencements this year, our graduates celebrated their hard-earned accomplishments through new virtual and socially-distanced ways. Our faculty and staff coordinated a Graduation Parade to celebrate each student with a chorus of cheers and car horns, and a touching video captured many CPS commencement traditions for the graduates and their families to enjoy for years to come.

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