

### Dear Friends,

Every year, crafting our annual report provides us with an opportunity to reflect on CPS' accomplishments, reminding us of the many hands and hearts it takes to make CPS successful. And as in prior years, the 2022-2023 year is one worth celebrating. From the successful completion of an intensive reaccreditation process, to the fantastic student and teacher generated programs highlighting our students' achievements, to the joyous end-of-year gala celebrated with our founding partners, Germantown Academy and Project HOME, CPS truly reaffirmed the value of our mission and our work.

Our track record of success was reinforced in quantifiable ways:

### **Engaged students and families**



99% attendance rate



94% retention rate

#### Students who excel



80% of 4th and 5th graders finished the year reading at or above grade level (over 45% higher than the School District of Philadelphia average)



75% of 4th and 5th graders finished the year grade level proficient in Math (over 50% higher than the School District of Philadelphia average)

### **Alums who overperform**



100% of graduates currently in Middle and High School are on track to graduate high school



90% of post High School alums graduated High School on time

In addition to successfully generating \$2.8 million in revenue, these noteworthy accomplishments illustrate our impact and position us well for the work yet to do, all of which, today and tomorrow, is possible because of our broad and growing network of supporters.

On behalf of all the children and families we serve, thank you. It remains an honor partnering with you.

With Gratitude,



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### **Year in Review**

#### Reaccreditation

During the 2022-23 school year, CPS successfully obtained re-accreditation from the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS), a rigorous, standards-based evaluation that included an extensive self-study and a professional peer review administered by teachers and administrators from other PAIS member institutions. The PAIS visiting committee's report commended our community's "unyielding commitment and passion" for the CPS mission, our student- and family-first approach, and our fundraising efforts that secured our school building on Glenwood Avenue and continue to keep CPS an accessible, high-quality option for families regardless of financial means.

This achievement underscores our unwavering commitment to effectively executing our mission and providing an outstanding learning environment, and marks a moment of immense pride for our entire school community. A big thank you to all the administrators, faculty and staff members, trustees,

parents, and friends who contributed to this important accomplishment.

#### **Science Fair**

CPS proudly unveiled its first science fair with resounding success. Students, teachers, parents, and friends gathered to learn from the impressive student projects that spanned various

student projects that spanned various scientific disciplines, embodying the essence of "curiosity-driven learning". The event demonstrated the power of fostering scientific inquiry and critical thinking in young minds.

From Pre-K to 2nd grade, our youngest learners collaborated within their classrooms, while their 3rd through 5th grade counterparts formed focused groups to refine their projects. Together, they formulated "scientific questions," crafting hypotheses and curating project boards once their experiments took shape. On the day of the fair, we had the privilege of hosting Tshepo Yane, a local bioengineer and data analyst, who shared firsthand insights into the life of a scientist.

#### Celebrate CPS 2023

Our annual spring gala, Celebrate CPS, encapsulates the spirit, enthusiasm, and shared commitment of our steadfast community. On May 19, 2023, we honored Jeffrey T. Sultanik and Dr. Tobo Houessou-Adin for their profound impact on the CPS community. The night also highlighted the broad-ranging accomplishments of our students, and allowed us to celebrate the invaluable contributions of our supporters.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous attendees and sponsors whose support facilitates our work, and to our friends at Germantown Academy for so graciously hosting our celebration. Funds raised through Celebrate CPS 2023

help sustain our academic and enrichment programs, and we're looking forward to celebrating the CPS community again in 2024!



Scan the QR code for a recap of Celebrate CPS 2023!



### CPS Class of 2023

In June, CPS welcomed families, loved ones, and the school community to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2023. Throughout their time as CPS scholars, the twelve graduates from last year's class consistently showcased a strong dedication to our core values: Curiosity, Courage, and Compassion. This cohort of students forged a remarkably close bond. We wish them well as they journey beyond CPS to what is bigger, more challenging, and just as fulfilling and we applaud their courage and their dreams!

### Class of 2023 Middle School Acceptances (\*Schools students are attending)

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### **Alumni Trip to DC**

In June, CPS' Alumni Program traveled to Wasington, D.C. to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture with nearly 50 alumni ranging in age from our most recent graduates to post-high school. At the museum, students explored artifacts, photos, and historical documents from colonization and slavery, the Civil War and Reconstruction, to the Civil Rights era and contemporary times. The group also enjoyed lunch at P.J. Clarke's on K Street thanks to former CPS trustee Thea Scotti, where students got to see Black Lives Matter Boulevard and were greeted by former CPS teachers who now teach in the

D.C. area. Thanks to everyone who made this memorable experience possible, particularly the Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation which funded the trip! www.communitypartnershipschool.org • 215-235-0461

### **Playground Campaign**

In Spring 2023, we highlighted the ongoing efforts of the Let's Play! Campaign for the CPS Playground—a fundraising and construction project to renovate our existing playspace to better support our program. We are grateful for those donors who have joined as early investors in this campaign, and we look forward to sharing more about fundraising and construction progress as we work toward our goal.

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### **Tax Credit Program**

Community Partnership School is unwavering in its commitment to providing a high-quality school experience while ensuring the financial needs of families are fully met. Central to this mission is the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit program, which extends scholarships to qualifying CPS students. In 2022, CPS expanded its scholarship initiative by introducing funding for Pre-Kindergarten scholarships. We are grateful for our dedicated partners who generously contribute to breaking down financial barriers, and making independent school education accessible to all families.

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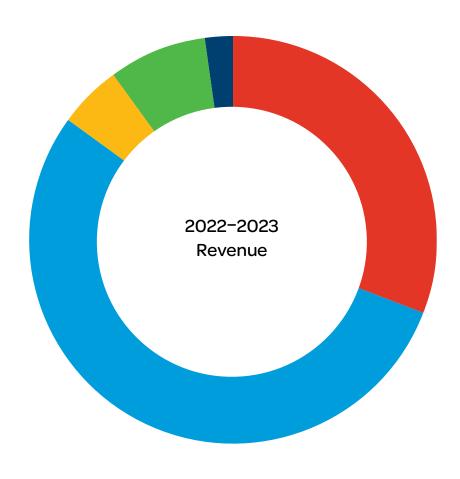
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- Annual Fund, Grants & Events: 31%
- EITC & OSTC Scholarship Support: 54%
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