2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



Citizens Leadership

ACADEMY

As Northeast Ohio's only EL Education middle school, Citizens Leadership Academy builds core academic skills through project-based learning, using the city as our laboratory. Established in 2011, we have continually ranked as a top Cleveland school, and even earned the state's Momentum Award in 2016 for outstanding student learning growth. This placed us in the top 1% of all Ohio schools for student growth and in the top two among Cleveland schools.

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A BREAKTHROUGH SCHOOL

Updates from our school year...

RUSTBELT REFORMERS

Our annual Rustbelt Reformers project had students collect the stories of people who are reinventing Cleveland. Among many interviewed was Michael Estime, TV3 meteorologist who told students about his career pathway and the importance of African-American role models in the media. After five years and counting, Rustbelt Reformers still offers our students unparalleled opportunities for real world learning, what our school is all about!

PEACE CIRCLE MARCH

Students from each grade marched and formed peace circles to show support for immigrants, refugees, and people of all faiths. In preparation, they researched and contemplated the local impacts of President Trump's proposed immigration policies and lived the school's values of active civic engagement!

BROWN GIRL DREAMING

Students were lit up by Jacqueline Woodson's Newbury Honor book Brown Girl Dreaming. Wondering why they hadn't read more stories about minority experiences, they took a library inventory at the Citizens' elementary schools and saw a need for books with diverse protagonists. Students won a grant from Neighborhood Connections and used the funds to organize a diverse book drive. They distributed the new books to the three Citizens Academy elementary schools that are now stamped and displayed as Library Diversity Initiative books!

AFTER SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

Students spread their wings through a variety of after-school clubs. For instance, the Track club competed inter-scholastically for the first time this year. And members of the Classical Guitar Club, with the help of the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society, brought their music to audiences during several performances, and even opened for two-time Grammy winner William Kanengiser!

ODE WILD SCHOOL SITE

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources designated CLA as a Wild School Site! We received funding to build an outdoor classroom, used to get students outside and closer to nature and wildlife.



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OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

OUR SCHOLARS ARE FROM:

Cleveland	80%
East Cleveland	7%
Euclid	5%
Cleveland Heights	4%
South Euclid	3%
Garfield Heights	1%
Shaker Heights	1%
University Heights	<1%
Warrensville Heights	<1%
Willoughby Hills	<1%

OUR COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS IS:

African American	98%
White, Non-Hispanic	1%
Multiracial	NC
Economically Disad.	100%
Students with Disabilities	17%

Total Enrollment 271

% of Subjects Taught by 100% Certified Teachers

2016-17 FINANCIALS

State	\$2,233,100
Intergovernmental	\$664,399
Tax Distribution	\$197,968
Philanthropic	\$207,952
Other	\$20,229
TOTAL FUNDING	\$3,323,648
Salaries	\$1,581,122
Benefits	\$462,957
Purchased Services	\$1,198,484
Supplies & Materials	\$106,871
Equipment	\$25,017
Depreciation	\$22,462
Other	\$61,577
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,458,490

CLA +10.5

Ohio Baseline 0.0

Shaker Heights -15.3

Cleveland CMSD -52.9

STATE TEST RESULTS

	ОН	CMSD	CLA
Performance Index	84.1	59.1	75.7
Value Added	-	-52.9	+10.5

Source: ODE 2017

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among all K-8 East Side schools for student growth

Source: ODE 2017

THE PLAIN DEALER

Werdenesday, June 21, 2017

Breakthrough is Ohio's best network, study says

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Breakthrough charter school network is the strongest charter school operating group is Ohle, a new Stan- ford University study reports. The study also found that for covids charter operators	Research on Education Outs operator, CREDO calculated learned compared to those The difference is expressed or below what other studen as 120 days, CREDO estima learned about two-thirds learned about two-thirds	how much mo in traditional p as days of lea ts learn. If a so les that studen	re students ablic schools, ning above hool is listed ts there	said. "It's a very nice confirmation of years of hard work with our kids." Comparing results by types of operators	learn about two-thin
tend to have poor results for students.	in a typical S80-day school students learned a third les	year. A minus t L	0 means	CREDO has released real- tiple studies of charter school	negative," said rese James Lynn Woodwoo
In addition, the report	Operator	Math	Reading	performance over the years	
from Stanford's Center for Research of Educational	Breakthrough	148	120	that compare test scores of charter students to socioeco-	
Outcomes (CRIDO) repeated	Concept	23	-6	nomic and test score "twics"	ediscate accor ed per
concerns from two years are	Connections Academy	-108	-40	in traditional public schools.	
that peline schools have far	Constellation	11	G	The method has critics, but	
worse outcomes than tra-	Edison Learning Group	6	23	also allows some compari-	amounts to about 1
ditional public schools and	Imagine Schools	-17	-11	son of how charter schools	days of learning in
charter schools alike.	KIZ Inc.	-125	-63	do with their often poor and	
Operators with Ohio	KIPP	63	40	often low-scoring students,	
schools that also scored well	Leona Group	-24	-29	relative to schools they leave	■ But in schools
in the report were the Sum-	Life Shifts	-148	-177	behind.	for-profit operators
mit Academy, Graham and				The latest study last week	educate just 18 per
National Heritage Academy chains. The local Constella-	Mosaica	-11	29	focused on different aca- demic results for different	
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the Concept chain, which in-	Summit Academy	80	57	ators — those that run last a	
chades Harizon Science Acad-	White Hat	-68	-63	single school, those that run	
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of those schools have since been sold to a new operator not yet sade by CEEOO. Don't look for any results for Ahair, the company that provides many services for the Electronic Classroom of Toencrewe, or BODT, Ohlo's largest charge and the sub- largest charge and the sub-	not enough to have results in this study. The study includes test data through 2015, the first year of new Common Core- based tests in several states, including Obio. Breakthrough had stu- dents score so far ahead of traditional district schools	1 148 days, or an extra 80 per- cent of a school year, CREDO it reports. It in reading, Breakstrough- had secrets 120 days of s, learning ahead of traditional schools, or two thirds of a school year.		whele, score better rationally than traditional public schools, for the 85 percent of charter schools nationwide included in the study. I a Charter management organizations such as Breakthrough, which run their own schools, have butter results than stand-	report states. In reading, for-peet for operators second than districts by six-learning, just not as the nonprofits. CREDO offers no e tion for that gap, while hothy debared. As a notes, charter opposes.

"Breakthrough had students score so far ahead of traditional district schools in math that it was as if they had taken classes for an extra 148 days, or an extra 80 percent of a school year, CREDO reports."

Our nonprofit network of K-8 schools was ranked #1 overall in Ohio by CREDO at Stanford University.

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