

A note from John Zitzner

Fixing public funding for public charter schools like Breakthrough is our number one challenge.

When a scholar enrolls in one of our schools, they bring only about 3/5 of the public funding with them. This inequity hurts kids and makes it really hard to pay our outstanding teachers salaries that are competitive with that of other districts. We will continue to work diligently with our newly elected leaders in Columbus in an attempt to fix this.

In the meantime, we rely on philanthropic support from Clevelanders who have been so generous. If you are one of the over 2,000 people who have donated to Breakthrough, we thank you and ask that you please continue... and...even increase your support. Over 3,400 scholars in 11, soon to be 12 schools, are counting on the community to make sure their **Dreams Are Being Realized.**

Over 31% of our first 8th grade class have already graduated from college in four years. Our academic results continue to outpace the results in all major urban areas in Ohio and outpace almost all of the inner ring Cleveland suburbs.

We are on track for another good year and invite you and your friends to visit a school at any of our scheduled tour dates, or, we'll create a special tour just for you.

Enjoy the newsletter.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Earlier this Fall, a group of volunteers from Victory Capital spent an entire day working hard to refinish over 400 chairs in the auditorium at Citizens Academy Southeast. Thanks to Victory Capital and their employees, Breakthrough students will be able to utilize this great space for years to come. We are lucky to have such dedicated support from our Community Partners like Victory Capital.

WHO RUNS BREAKTHROUGH?



Girls Who Code!

On October 11, these students at Citizens Academy celebrated the International Day of the Girl by speaking out about topics important to them, with a strong focus on empowerment and sisterhood.



This August we held our 8th annual Swing for the Stars golf outing!

As we dust off our snow boots, we look back on that hot summer day at Mayfield Sand Ridge Club with gratitude as **we raised just over \$50k** thanks to our generous sponsors, donors, and attendees! A huge thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Wells Fargo, as well as our Corporate Sponsors: Dollar Bank, Wrap Tite, Gries Financial LLC, 3S Advisors, Maroon Group, and National Safety Apparel. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Saucy Brew Works for being our beverage sponsor for the day and Bernie Moreno Companies for generously donating a weekend lease of a Maserati, which proved to be a very enticing putting contest prize.

Stay tuned for more details on next year's golf outing in the coming months!



swing for the STARS



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To learn more about becoming a Community Partner for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, contact Karen Solomon at ksolomon@breakthroughschools.org.

DONATE

Yes, it is true we are successfully delivering a top-notch education to nearly 3,400 students across Cleveland's most underserved inner-city neighborhoods. Our hard work is paying off as we continue to be recognized as the number one rated charter school network in Ohio. However, the funding gap is still about \$2,000 for each of those 3,400 students. That can seem like a daunting number, but there are simple ways to donate every day which are essential to ensuring Breakthrough can continue its work to change the education landscape in Cleveland well into the future >>

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SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GIFT MATCHING

Does your employer have a gift matching program? Many companies provide this as a benefit to their employees, so be sure to check to see if you can **double your impact today!**

RECURRING GIFTS

Do you prefer a "set it and forget it" approach? Did you know we offer the option of recurring monthly giving? For the same price as your monthly Netflix subscription, you can donate \$100 annually, which adds up! And, it's simple to sign up. Just visit www.breakthroughschools.org/donate and choose "recurring donations."

UPCOMING EVENTS

The best way to stay updated on our events – including school tours, the Breakthrough BASH, Young Professional networking events, the Swing for the Stars golf outing, and more! – is to visit www.breakthroughschools.org/friends/events.

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