

Annual Report 2019-2020



**Citizens
Leadership**
ACADEMY

Citizens Leadership Academy (CLA), located in the Hough neighborhood, is the first Expeditionary Learning (EL) middle school in Cleveland. Serving students in grades 6-8, CLA focuses on building strong academic, personal, and leadership abilities in its scholars.

This is accomplished by exploring such concepts as what it means to be a civic leader and ways to practically apply knowledge gained in math, reading, science, and writing to real-life projects and problems. CLA is frequently ranked among the top schools in Cleveland for exceptional growth in student learning.



DISTANCE LEARNING

The last day of in-class instruction for all Breakthrough Public Schools was March 13, 2020, due to mandated state-wide school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Academic leadership created a plan and began distance learning for Breakthrough students on April 8. Students were given a device and assistance with gaining internet connectivity in their homes, including hotspots to those families in need. On average, 87% of Breakthrough students logged in to distance learning on a weekly basis.



SPECIAL EVENTS

CLA's Lady Panthers volleyball team put in blood, sweat, and tears to achieve an undefeated season. Nothing could stop them as they crushed the competition and took home the NEOCL Volleyball Championship.

For the first time ever, CLA participated in the Thurgood Marshall Oratorical Debate. Students practiced twice a week for months leading up to the debate, and in the end, they were victorious - taking home the Championship!



Over 30 fathers and father figures accompanied their scholars to school in CLA's Annual Fathers Walk. At the school, they listened to a guest speaker who discussed the importance of positive male role models in students' lives.

In December, CLA students organized and hosted the Winter Celebration of Learning. It was 100% student led, and started off with a program reviewing the first semester content projects and ended with performances by the cheerleading team and classical guitar club. Families were then invited to tour the school to see the essays, technology projects, science experiences and art projects that were displayed throughout the building.



BREAKTHROUGH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OUR STUDENTS ARE FROM

Avon: <1%	Garfield Heights: 2%
Cleveland: 79%	Maple Heights: 1%
Cleveland Heights: 5%	Painesville: <1%
East Cleveland: 6%	South Euclid-Lyndhurst: 1%
Euclid: 4%	Warrensville Heights: 1%



OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

African American: 93%
Hispanic: 1%
Multiracial: 6%

Economically Disadvantaged: 57%
Students with Disabilities: 18%
Total Enrollment: 213



STUDENT RESULTS

68.4% of sixth grade students met their projected growth goal on the NWEA-MAP winter assessment in reading.



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2019-2020 FINANCIALS

Revenue

State	\$1,993,322
Intergovernmental	\$369,979
Tax Distribution	\$156,221
Philanthropic	\$150,176
Other	\$41,445

TOTAL REVENUE \$2,711,143

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,736,370
Purchased Services	\$985,740
Supplies & Materials	\$131,087
Equipment	\$(108)
Other	\$19,339

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,872,428

FYE June 30, 2020 Unaudited Financials