



Please find below the December board update for the 2016-2017 school year.

Professional Development

This year CEG implemented a shorter school day each Friday. Approximately 3 times per month, CEG employees work together from 1-4 on professional development, planning, collaboration and other skills and work devised to increase the skills and knowledge of teachers at all three schools. This weekly Professional Development is in addition to weekly data meetings, grade level meetings and individual or small group practice

Mid-Year Feedback

CEG seeks feedback from parents, teachers, leaders and other staff members at this time each year. In the next two weeks, data and comments will be available from all of these surveys, which will provide school leaders insightful information that will be used to evaluate and discuss what things going well at each campus as well as an opportunity to improve in the second half of the year.

East High Changes

SCS is creating a re-imagined plan for East High school. The proposed plan includes the creation of a new T-STEM program that will occur in the current East High school building and the phase-out of East High school as a neighborhood school for the students of Lester Prep. According to a recent SCS presentation, the new program would include STEM and CTE infrastructure/resources, Engineering optional focus, Virtual STEM program, Videoconferencing, smartboards, digital learning labs, mobile computer carts, and multiple labs to support T-STEM integration, and Emerging external interest/support. CEG is currently preparing plans to ensure that the highest number of Lester Prep students could take advantage of this new program.

Enrollment

Parents continue to enroll children as life circumstances drive changes in living arrangements, but on average, the number of children leaving CEG schools is mostly matched with new students enrolling. Therefore, current enrollment would be assumed to be the approximate enrollment that will be in schools for the remainder of the school year. Excluding prek, enrollment is expected to average 600 for CPD, 455 for CPL and 250 for LP.

Support and Wrap Around Services

We are thrilled with the response from families to the addition of 2 fulltime nurses to our staff, one at each building. In addition, we have continued to partner with Le Bonheur to provide many additional support to families and children. We also added LP to the Communities in Schools support program, meaning we have 3 CIS members, one at each school. Memphis Gridiron Ministries partners with CPL and provides our young men the opportunity to excel outside the classroom and on the field; they also get tutoring after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the cafeteria. Memphis Teacher Residency provided another summer camp for students as well as providing 2 residents at CPL who are being mentored by CPL teachers. The Binghampton Development Corporation, the Carpenter Art Garden and Eikon ministries continues to provide after school programs for kids and adults in Binghampton while the Frayser Police department send staff to help during arrival and dismissal for CPD. We are honored to have such great support from these and other great organizations.