



Please find below the February board update for the 2015-2016 school year.

Family Support

- We continue to be saddened by the closure of the Tillman Apartments with such short notice for the families. We are thankful for the great work from our partners who are working with our two Binghampton schools to help these families find new housing and help them make a smooth transition. We expect to lose a large number of students who will move out of the neighborhood.

Staff Updates

- Our CPL Principal and CPL DCI made a trip to New York to see some of the best charter schools in the country. Our partners Building Excellent Schools and New Leaders created outstanding school tours and significant time with the school leaders. This helped affirm our current direction for the work and provided great insight for our leaders.
- Our Lester Prep Principals and Assistant Principal travelled to Nashville and also toured high performing schools in Memphis as part of their leadership development program with BES.
- Our CPD Principal travelled to Nashville to spend time with other school turnaround leaders and came back with an interesting approach to targeted interventions.
- For budgetary reasons, intent to return offers have been delayed and will begin to go out after the board meeting.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Lester Prep had outstanding reading success as measured by the percentage of students who attained their reading Lexile growth target in the first half of the year. Congratulations to our school for being the best school in the ASD in this area.
- Please find below a link to the Charter School Center, which selected Cornerstone Prep for a national case study based on the results from the first two years. We are honored that the state recognized the great work happening at CPL. <http://www.charterschoolcenter.org/case-study/turnaround-cornerstone-memphis>)
- There have been lots of criticism recently targeted at the work of the ASD schools. We are communicating with our staff to remind them of the dramatic increase in student achievement that has occurred at our Lester Campus. The final overall TCAP scores for Lester as a SCS school was 13% proficiency. Our scores last year for the Lester Campus revealed 25% proficiency, an increase of almost 100%.
- TN Ready first round of assessments begin this month.
- Johns Hopkins University, a Lester Prep homeroom, has been rewarded with a trip to the Benjamin Hooks Central Library for being one of three 8th grade homerooms to earn 100 points during the second quarter for attendance. Scholars, accompanied by Ms. Kennedy, will go on this excursion on Wednesday, February 3rd and learn about the various programs and services that the library provides for Binghampton.