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Please find below the first board update for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Year-End Results for 2013-2014**

TCAP scores have just been made public and Cornerstone Prep had outstanding success on this state assessment. Cornerstone Prep students showed an astounding 14.7 point increase over the prior year. These scores drastically outpaced the state average increase of .6% in math and -.8% in RLA.

Cornerstone Prep was recognized by the Commercial Appeal as one of two ASD schools who performed well enough to get off of the Priority School list. ASD Superintendent Chris Barbic said "I want to give a big shout out to... Cornerstone Prep...for proving what's possible—earning over 10 point gains—when talented educators have the freedom and resources to serve their kids' needs."

Cornerstone Prep also earned the highest available Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) score of 5 in 2013-2014.

### **Enrollment**

As of September 1, Cornerstone Prep had enrollment of 450 students in grades k-5 while the pre-k program has enrollment of 40 for a total of 490 elementary students in the building. Lester Prep has an enrollment of 80 students so there are a grand total of 570 students involved in the CEG education programs.

### **Parent meetings**

Lester Prep conducted its first Title I and parent meeting with good success. More than 20 families attended and heard about the exciting things in happening in 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Cornerstone Prep will conduct a similar meeting this Thursday night.

### **Expansion**

Because of the great success of Cornerstone Prep, and the approval of a detailed replication application and interview process, CEG has been approved to replicate onto a second school campus. CEG is working with the ASD, SCS and other groups on identifying ASD eligible schools with whom CEG could be matched.

### **Visit from the U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan**

We are so very honored to have been selected by the U.S. Secretary of Education to be the final stop on the bus tour. The Secretary will visit on September 10<sup>th</sup>.