



Please find below the February board update for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Calendar Items**

January 3-5 included three full days of professional development for all three schools. The days consisted of professional development, planning, collaboration and other practice and work devised to increase the skills and knowledge of teachers at all three schools. Unfortunately, those PD days were followed by 5 days of missed school due to inclement weather. Because of the extended school day used by CEG, those days will not need to be rescheduled in order to meet the state and federal requirements for educational time.

### **Building Improvements**

SCS has approved the Lester Prep renovation project. Lester Prep won \$125,000 as part of the “Tennessee High-Quality Charter Schools Act.” The facility grant will provide funds to be used to improve the building aesthetics. The plan will include renovated halls, classroom walls, bathrooms, entry way and common spaces. In addition, the state of Tennessee has released the application for their second round of funding. While expected to be significantly less than round 1, we will apply for both CPL and CPD to receive funding. Projects estimates are currently being prepared and will be submitted by the deadline later this month.

### **Staffing**

We are in the process of building the teams for the 2018-2019 school year. Known open positions were posted this week (both internally and externally) and over the next three weeks all existing staff will be either receiving contracts for next year or performance improvement plans needed to earn a position for next year.

### **Student Achievement**

All CEG students completed the mid-year NWEA MAP assessment in December. Some of the highlights included:

- CPD students showed amazing growth, as every single grade and subject at the CPD campus had higher scores this year than in the two previous years
- Lester Prep had grade level growth in every subject that exceeded last year, with reading growth of 1.1 years in only 5 months of school.
- CPL also did well, with record achievement displayed in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, where students grew an astounding 1.5 years in reading and 1.4 years in language

### **Athletics and Supports**

Congratulations to the Lester Prep girls basketball team. The girls finished with an overall record of 20 wins and 3 losses and made it to the girls State Sectional Quarterfinals round. The boys also had a successful run, making it to the State Sectionals.

Beginning in February, all three schools will offer science and math camps on Saturdays. These days provide students with extra time and practice over the next 6 weeks in preparation for Tn Ready in April.

CPD will host parents and community members for a Black History Month program later this month. Students and staff are working hard to prepare for this exciting event.

Both CPL and CPD will host summer camps this June, helping mitigate the academic “summer slide”.