



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

2017-2018 Highlights

- Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus (CPD), our newest school, ended the year with more than 657 prek-5th grade students, potentially the largest elementary school in the city
- Lester Prep, based on a TVAAS 5 in every subject in 2016-17, was awarded a \$125,000 Facility Grant Award by the state of Tennessee. Renovations and upgrades have been approved and begin May 29, 2018.
- Cornerstone Prep Lester Campus (CPL) had record achievement in 5th grade in 2017-2018. The grade grew 1.9 grade levels in math, 2.4 grade levels in reading, 3.1 grade levels in language and 1.9 grade levels in science
- LP students earned record growth in language in 2017-2018, with the 6th grade scholars improving their language level by 2.7 years in just one academic year while 7th grade grew by 2.5 years
- Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus enjoyed record academic growth in 2017-2018, meeting or exceeding grade level growth in every single subject over any prior year
- Wake Forest I, a first-grade class at Cornerstone Prep Lester Campus, grew 1.8 grade levels in math, a growth rate that exceeded 82% of the national norm
- 91% of CPD parents surveyed gave the school an overall grade of A or B on the annual parent survey
- Baylor 3, a 3rd grade class at Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus, grew 1.6 grade levels in reading and 2.4 grade levels in language this year

Other Updates

- We have extended contract offers to current teachers and support personnel for 2018-2019 more than 95% have accepted offers to return next year. We are glad to have such a high retention rate for our staff. We conducted interviews for the few open positions at each of our three schools and less than 5 of the budgeted 169 positions remain unfilled.
- CEG's submission to Shelby County Schools for a new middle school has been reviewed and an answer is expected on or before June 26.
- More than 1,000 parents, relatives and friends attended promotion ceremonies across the 3 campuses. Kindergarten and 5th grade promotions occurred at both CPL and CPD and 8th grade promotion ceremonies occurred at the Lester Community Center for the LP 8th graders.
- Staff leaders will work through the end of June, finishing up the 2017-2018 school year and planning for 2018-19 school year.
- Summer Professional Development for new staff will begin July 19 and all returning staff will join the sessions on July 23.
- Lester Prep principal Koai Matthews spoke at the CPD and CPL 5th grade promotion ceremonies encouraging all 5th graders to continue their education in the CEG network by attending Lester Prep next fall.