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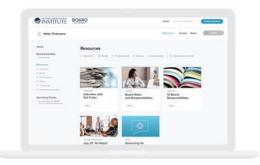
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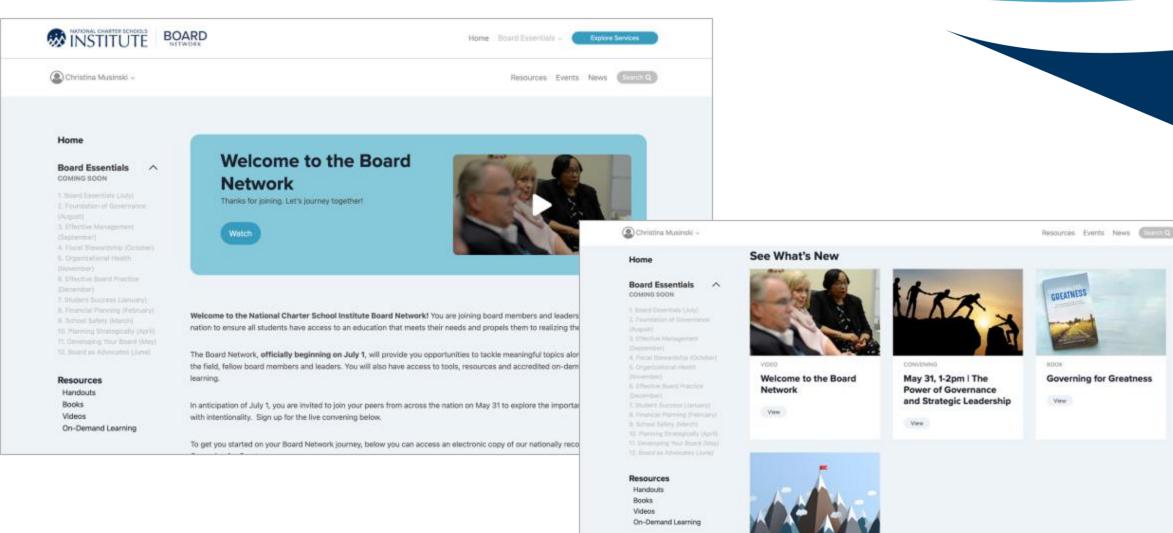
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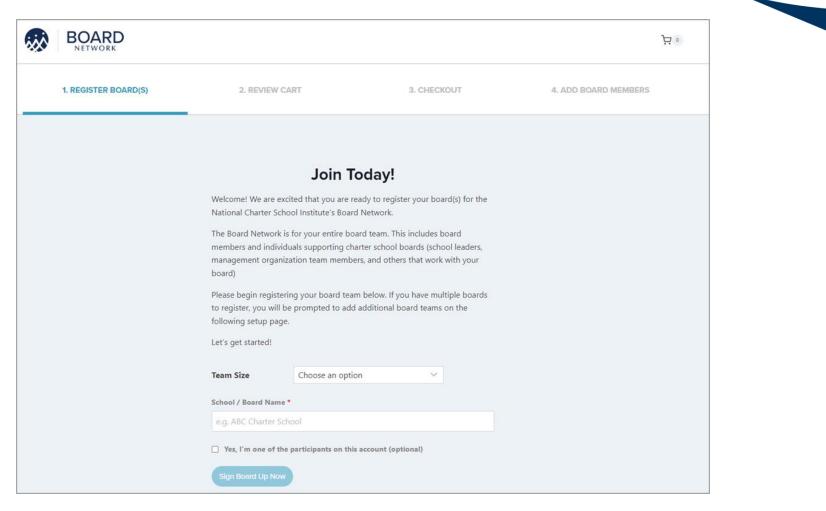
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## **CPCSEC / Beginning with Children Schools**

Community Partnership

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CHARTER SCHOOL 2

Community High School

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#### Beginning with Children / CPCSEC Schools Who we are

- Founded in 1990, BwC is a small Brooklynbased network of K-12 charter schools and a college and career success program
- BwC partners with Community Partnership Charter School Education Corporation to operate 2 charters, serving over 1,000 students in PreK through high school.
- We focus on our students' academic growth while creating nurturing and robust educational environments infused with rich arts instruction and a deep commitment to experiential learning.
- The Legacy Network provides comprehensive academic and career development services to support students to and through college.



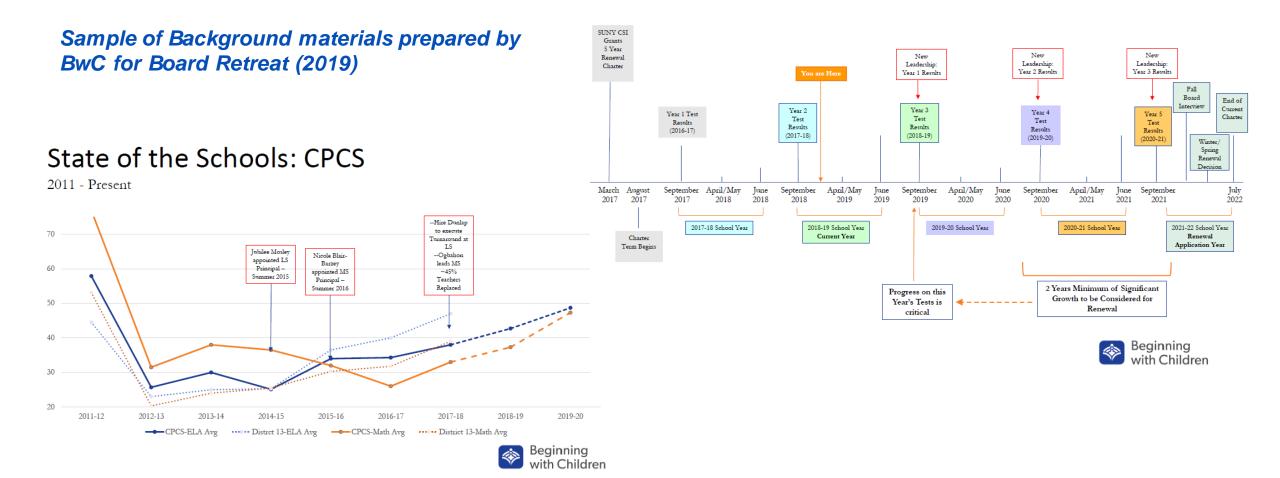
### Annual Board Retreat Elements to Consider for Effective Strategic Planning

- Time and Place
- Board Member Attendance
- Clear Focus & Goals
- External Facilitator
- Explicit Follow up Actions



- 1. What were the possible future directions for CPCS?
- 2. Did we want to pursue growth to a high school?

#### Future Direction of CPCS? Setting the stage: Why are we Talking about this Now?



#### Future Direction of CPCS? 2019 Retreat discussion

#### Group Discussion Determining & Ranking Essential Metrics Defining a Turnaround at CPCS

#### Metrics to Consider

Annual Measures	Interim Measures
<ul> <li>NYS Test:</li> <li>Absolute Proficiency Levels</li> <li>Mean Growth Percentile</li> <li>Decline in % of Level 1s</li> <li>Comparison to Students' Home District</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Internal Measures of Student Performance:</li> <li>Network-wide Interim Assessments (4x year)</li> <li>Mid-Year Ready Mock Test (1x Year)</li> <li>iReady Diagnostic Tests (3x year)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Increase in Effect Size (Lagging)</li> <li>Internal:</li> <li>Retention of Effective Teachers &amp; Leaders</li> <li>Increase in Predictive Value of Internal Assessments/ Curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Other Measures of Progress:</li> <li>Increased Student Time in Small Group Instruction</li> <li>Increased # of Student Interventions (daily, weekly)</li> <li>Student &amp; Teacher attendance</li> <li>Increase in Teacher Coaching/Feedback</li> <li>Shorter Data Cycle (evidence that assessment data increasingly used to adjust instruction/intervention)</li> </ul>

Beginning with Children

CPCS TURNAROUND CRITERIA takent - 10 pts 1 on absolute D outros test scores (LS) >\$ 60% growth percentile (LS) Teacher turnover Retention of Effective Teachers 3 (\* Report Not Teacher Feedback Loop 3 Student Enrollment Returtion Parent Satisfaction Surveys3)

### Future Direction of CPCS? 2019 Retreat Discussion and Follow up Actions

- Group Discussion of Pros / Cons of Scenarios (including closure, non-renewal or merger with network school) if CPCS did not meet turnaround criteria over next 1-2 years
- Follow up Actions:
  - BwC team further defined Turnaround Criteria; sought buy-in from School Leaders
  - Board approved Turnaround Benchmarks, incorporated into leader evaluations

#### Resolution:

- CPCS significantly outperformed turnaround benchmarks on 2019 tests
- Today CPCS outperforms city, state and district peers

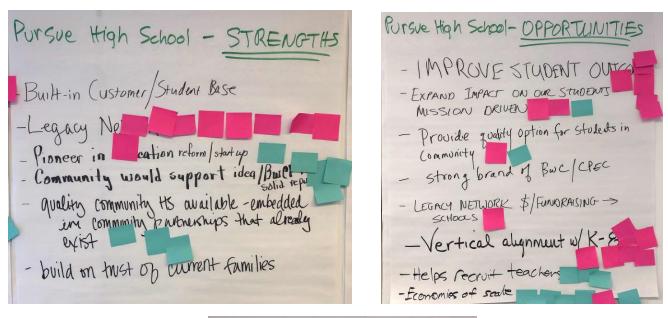
#### Attachment A- Key Benchmarks Indicating Successful Turnaround at CPCS-- Board Oversight

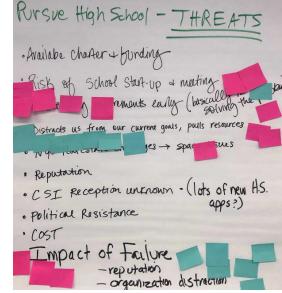
Annual Metri	cs / Benchmarks	Interim Metrics / Benchmarks - DRAFT						
Fall 2019	Fall 2019 Fall 2020 2019-20 School Year							
<ul> <li>Absolute Scores on NYS Tests (2018-19 Test) <ul> <li>Lower School: Avg of 7-10 percentage point increase in ELA / Math (Resulting scores = 43-46% proficiency in ELA; 40-43% in Math)</li> <li><u>Middle School:</u> Maintain 2017-18 Averages in ELA (39%) and Math (31%) (Both still either flat or beat District)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Growth Percentile on NYS Tests (2018-19 Test) <ul> <li>Lower School: ≥ 60</li> <li>Middle School: ≥ 50</li> </ul> </li> <li>Effect Size on NYS Test (2018-19 Test)</li> <li>Progress towards goal of 0.3 Effect Size in ELA / Math on 2019-20 test</li> </ul>	Absolute Scores on NYS Tests (2019-20 Test) • Lower School: Avg of 7-10 percentage point increase in ELA / Math (Resulting scores = 50-56% proficiency in ELA; 47-53% in Math) • Middle School: Avg of 7-10 percentage point increase in ELA / Math (Resulting scores = 46-49% in ELA, 38-40% in Math) Growth Percentile on NYS Tests (2019-20 Test) • Lower School: ≥ 55 • Middle School: ≥ 55 Effect Size on NYS Test (2019-20 Test) • Meet or exceed 0.3 Effect Size in ELA / Math	<ul> <li>F&amp; P Test</li> <li>February tests indicate 80% of students are on track to meet expected growth standards for their grade level</li> <li>Ready Mock Assessments- Mid-Year</li> <li>Math: Avg of 3-5 percentage point increase in proficiency on taught standards questions compared to Average Math proficiency on prior spring's NYS test</li> <li>ELA: Avg of 5 percentage point increase in proficiency compared to prior year's Ready assessment</li> <li>I-Ready Diagnostic Assessments</li> <li>3x year – Fall, Winter, Spring</li> <li>Lower School: <ul> <li>Target % of students who are on pace in Winter / Spring with "Stretch Growth" Scale Score Increase?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Middle School: <ul> <li>At least 35% of Level 1 &amp; 2 Students (2+ year cohort) will be on track to achieving iReady "stretch" annual growth goals</li> <li>At least 80% of Level 3 &amp; 4 students (2+ year cohort) will be on track to achievie gready "typical" or "stretch" annual growth goals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						

#### Pursuing a High School? Retreat Discussion and Follow up

#### • Background from BwC team:

- Overview of BwC/Legacy Network alumni services currently provided to high school and college students
- Current high school options for our network's 8th grade graduates
- **Board discussion of expansion to high school**: interactive SWOT Analysis
- Discussion of potential means of expansion to high school
  - Expansion of B2 Charter vs. Merger





## Pursuing Growth to High School? Resolution and Follow up

- Consensus from Retreat & Follow up
   Actions:
  - BwC team mandated to begin exploration and planning process of a network high school application through expansion of the B2 charter.
- Resolution:
  - Received approval for charter expansion to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in March 2021
  - Community High School launched inaugural 9<sup>th</sup> grade class in August 2022











What started as a little league program soon added a summer literacy component and evolved into a **sportsbased youth development organization**. Since founding its first charter school in 2008, DREAM has grown into a **network of extendedday, extended-year schools** for over 1,500 children in grades PK to 12 in East Harlem and the South Bronx.



DREAM's commitment also extends beyond the classroom and playground and into our students' postsecondary pathways, ensuring that our graduates, or Legends, find their way to and through college, a meaningful career, and beyond.



TODAY

DREAM serves nearly 2,600 young people through our schools, out of school time programs, & postsecondary supports. 1,500

Students in grades PK to 12 enrolled in **six DREAM Charter Schools**, with an additional **800 students** attending other NYC public schools

260

Graduates of our schools & programs, our "Legends", including DREAM Charter High School's founding class who achieved a **100% graduation rate** 

320

**Full-time employees** serving children, families, and communities in East Harlem & the South Bronx

\$52M

**Annual operating budget** for DREAM Charter Schools and out of school time programs



## Over the next 6 years, DREAM will grow to support nearly 4,000 young people.

DREAM Charter School students in 7 schools serving grades PK-12

1,000

525

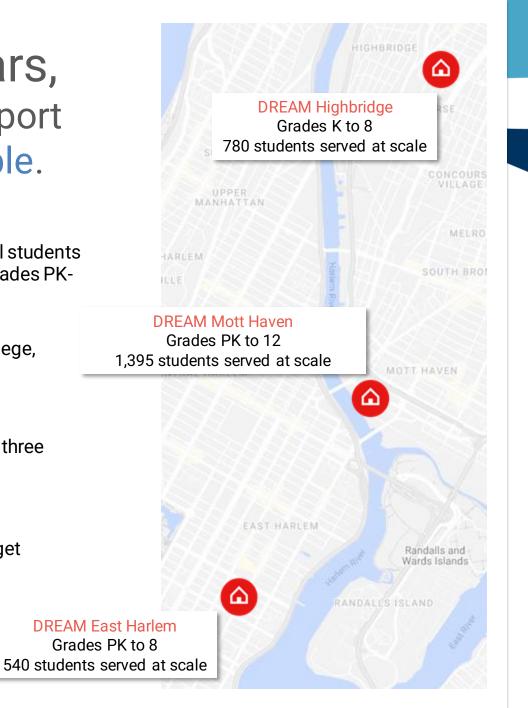
2,500

Legends alumni in college, career, & beyond

Full-time employees at three permanent sites

\$100M

Annual operating budget





## Our Grow the Whole Child Model



Year after year, DREAM outperforms the city and state in Math & ELA proficiency



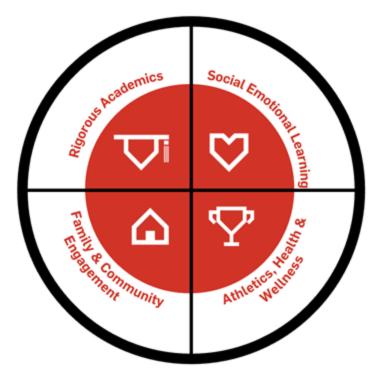
DREAM students consistently make gains in 2+ social emotional learning competencies



99% of families agree or strongly agree that they feel welcome at DREAM

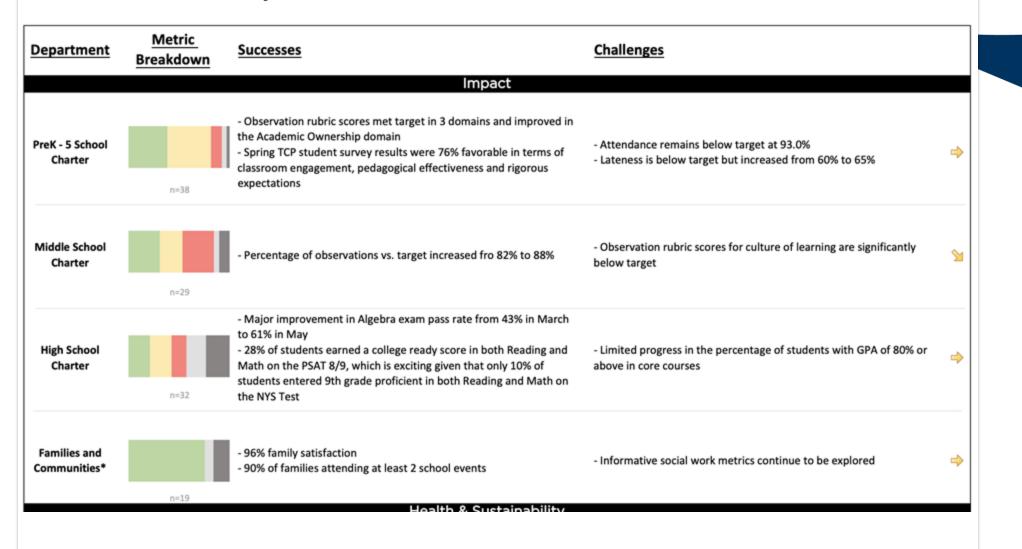


DREAM provides consistent mental health services and offers a range of extracurricular athletic activities at all ages



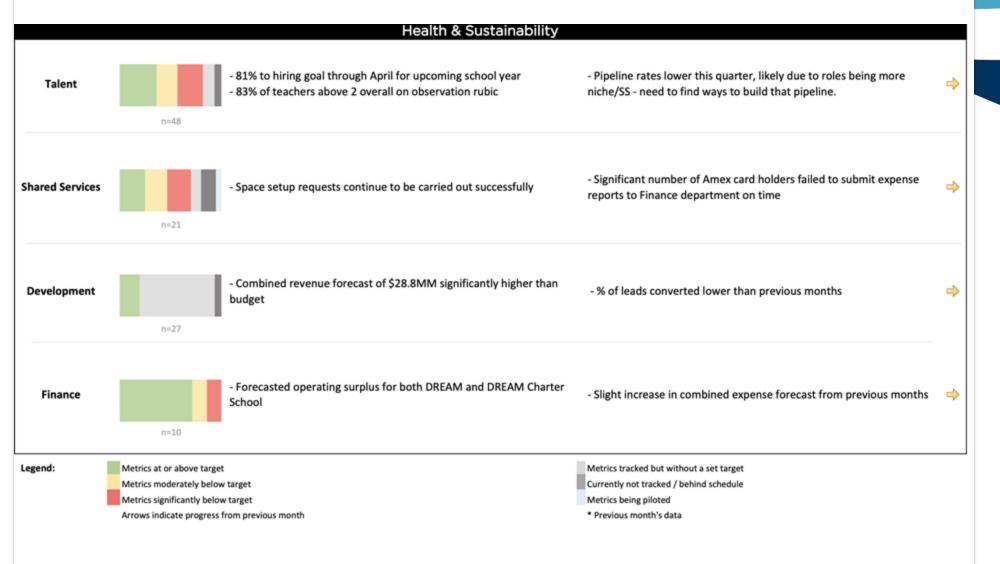


#### DREAM May 2018 Boxscore





#### DREAM May 2018 Boxscore continued





Objective	Metric	Target	FY17 Avg	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY18 Avg
PreK-5 schoo	k													
	Pre-K: ECR Langauge & Literacy % on track	>=75%	66%	86%	91%			82%		64%		75%		80%
	Pre-K: PALS Letter ID % on track	>=75%	75%	69%	60%			83%		61%		78%		70%
	Pre-K: PALS Letter Sound % on track	>=75%	45%	43%	43%			78%		67%		75%		61%
	Kindergarten % students reading above grade level	>=75%	55%				70%			83%		70%		74%
	Grade 1 % students reading above grade level	>=75%	38%	56%			22%			26%		67%		43%
	Grade 2 % above NYS average ELA	>=0%	0%		-11%		-5%		-11%			-10%		-9%
	Grade 3 % above NYS average ELA	>=0%	4%		-8%		-11%		-5%			0%		-6%
•	Grade 4 % above NYS average ELA	>=0%	2%		-3%		3%		1%			8%		2%
Academics	Grade 5 % above NYS average ELA	>=0%	3%		-4%		5%		-7%			2%		-1%
	Pre-K: ECR math % on track	>=75%	74%	94%	63%			61%		63%		75%		71%
	Kindergarten % students Math above 60%	>=75%	61%		71%		73%		72%			78%		73%
	Grade 1 % students Math above 60%	>=75%	60%		59%		65%		85%			91%		75%
	Grade 2 % above NYS average in math	>=0%	-2%		-12%		-9%		-1%			-10%		-8%
	Grade 3 % above NYS average in math	>=0%	7%		-9%		-7%		-1%			7%		-3%
	Grade 4 % above NYS average in math	>=0%	8%		-7%		1%		7%			12%		3%
	Grade 5 % above NYS average in math	>=0%	3%		0%		-4%		2%			4%		1%
	Number of youth enrolled DREAM ES K-5	321	323	326	324	325	324	325	324	323	322	322		324
	Number of youth enrolled Pre-K	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36		36
	K-5 attendance	>95%	94.1%	95.5%	94.9%	94.7%	94.2%	93.3%	93.4%	93.1%	93.1%	93.0%		93.9%
Youth Outcomes	% of students late less than 3 times a month DREAM ES	>90%	66%	73%	65%	74%	66%	64%	69%	60%	60%	65%		66%
	% youth reporting high satisfaction with program DREAM ES	>75%	79%			80%					76%			78%
	% students with less than 2 suspensions (YTD) DREAM ES	>=98%	100%	100%	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.4%	99.4%	99.4%		100%
	Youth attrition DREAM ES	<1%	0.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%		0.9%
	% teachers at or above 2 out of 4 in culture of learning DREAM ES	>=90%	88%		100%	83%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%		96%
Process fidelity /	% teachers at or above 2 out of 4 in essential content DREAM ES	>=90%	91%		100%	83%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%		96%
develop high	% teachers at or above 2 out of 4 in academic ownership DREAM ES	>=75%	65%		81%	72%	62%	59%	59%	59%	62%	68%		65%
performing staff	% teachers at or above 2 out of 4 in demonstration of learning DREAM ES	>=75%	76%		94%	75%	88%	88%	88%	88%	85%	85%		86%
	% observations vs. target DREAM ES	>90%	85%	86%	97%	100%	97%	91%	97%	100%	83%	89%		93%
	Cost per youth - DREAM ES	16,703	16,193	16,278	16,342	16,440	16,683	16,595	16,673	16,771	16,985			16,596
Efficiency	Cost per youth - Pre-K	17,171	16,428	18,463	18,115	17,990	17,197	17,105	17,164	17,208	17,311			17,569
	Utilization DREAM ES	95%	99.8%	96.3%	95.5%	95.3%	94.8%	94.0%	94.1%	93.8%	93.7%	93.6%		94.6%



# COLLEGE & CAREER PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

	Build college access strategy supports & programming	
College & Career Access	Build college access data systems (evaluation and infrastructure)	
	Design and execute alt-pathway programming that results in optimal placement in post-secondary pathway	
College & Career	Build Legends enhancements and growth planning deliverables	
Success	DCS Middle School alumni strategy planning	
	Build formal and informal college partnerships	
Partnerships	Build career partnerships for HS age work-based experiences	
	Build career partnerships to support Legends internship planning	





#### Words to live by: DREAM Maxims

From our classrooms to our playgrounds and into the community, DREAM's maxims remind us of the values we strive to live by every day.

- 🛱 All kids can. This kid can.
- DREAM is family.
- Fun is a serious value.
  - Fail. Persist. Exceed.
- Teamwork makes the DREAM work.
  - DREAM big.

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# The **DREAM Difference**

## Whole child education

DREAM will expand to seven schools serving at least 2,500 students grades PreK-12.

## **College completion**

DREAM will achieve a college completion rate that outperforms the national average for public schools and other top-performing charter schools.

## **Generational impact**

DREAM's Legend Program will grow to serve nearly 1,000 alumni annually, with postsecondary supports that ensure our long investment in their success is rewarded.







# DREAM

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