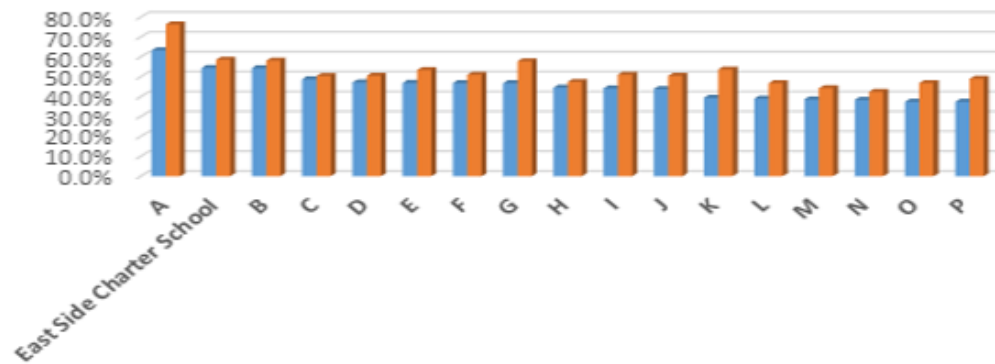


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In Support of EastSide Charter School

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Math % met for District/Charter / ELA % met for District/Charter

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Dear Friends, Families and Supporters,

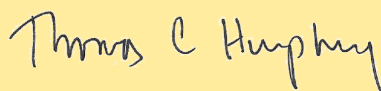
We are pleased to share information about the 2017-2018 school year with you. The year was notable for many significant accomplishments, including a school **ranking of 2nd in the state in the percentage of students meeting their annual academic growth goals.**

In recent years, the percentage of EastSide students who have tested “proficient” or better on state mandated achievement tests has been troublingly low – but the road to greater proficiency begins with a turnaround in the growth of students in their scholastic skills. Many of our students start their educational journeys well behind their more affluent peers in other schools. Rather than claiming our “reality” as an excuse, in 2017-2018 CEO Aaron Bass stepped into the additional role of Principal, joining with Director of Academics Stan Bobowski in implementing rigorous modifications in curriculum, student assessment, and teacher development and supports at EastSide.


We focused on both proficiency and academic growth during the school year. In the 2017-2018 school year the percentage of EastSide students meeting their educational growth goals (established by the Department of Education) increased from 30% to 52% in Math (year over year) and from 32% to 56.6% in ELA. These increases were 2x the state average increase in Math and 3x the state average increase in ELA. These results ranked EastSide as the school with the **second highest percentage of students meeting their growth goals of all schools and districts in the state.** Even on the basis of proficiency scores, while statewide scores in ELA were flat and math scores dipped by 1%, EastSide scores rose 6% in math and 3% in ELA.

This is the bedrock upon which advances in the coming years will be expanded by a team of educators growing in their work through the school’s training and Leadership Development programs. We are unabashedly optimistic in the future for EastSide students,.

This year EastSide has welcomed Dr. Demetri Sermons as Principal to lead the school into the future. (Aaron Bass returns to serving as CEO of EastSide and our sister school, Charter School of New Castle. Dr. Sermons comes to us with an impressive track record, most recently in Washington DC. Your ongoing and dedicated support enables our excitement for the future; and we are grateful for your belief in the Mission of EastSide Charter School.



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Meet Dr. Sermons!

R. Demetri Sermons, Ed.D. is the new Principal of EastSide Charter School. Dr. Sermons began his duties in the summer, and hit the ground running, moving quickly to embrace the advances and accomplishments of the team that preceded him—as CEO Aaron Bass and Chief Academic Officer Stanley Bobowski had rallied EastSide students to academic advances that had not been seen in the school in a number of years.

Dr. Sermons education career spans over 20 years. He has held positions of leadership at urban public schools in the District of Columbia, Atlanta, GA, and Montgomery, AL. He is a native of Valdosta, Georgia; and holds a degree from Troy University in English Education and French Education. He also has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and an Education Specialist degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. He earned his Doctor of Education degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.



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Schools Focus and Highlights

⇒ EastSide Charter School students' academic performance grew at rates 2 times the state average growth in math and 3 times the state average growth in ELA.

⇒ A broad array of afterschool activities - with student transportation - including chess, soccer, basketball, track, volleyball, cheer/dance, tutoring, mentoring, and more!

⇒ Students in all grades engaged in Social Emotional learning focusing on their mental health, social skills, and preparedness for college and life.

⇒ A Mental Health Team to address the subjective needs of all students, including School Psychologist, Behavior Health Consultant, Family Crisis Therapist, Behavior Interactionist, Guidance Counselor, and Social Worker ... a staff larger than many district schools.

⇒ The Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), a rigorous teacher evaluation & professional development model, developed at EastSide, which has been adopted by numerous Delaware Schools, better preparing our teachers to provide top level instruction on a daily basis; expanded by doubling annual teacher assessments in the interest of augmented teacher skills acquisition.

⇒ A Leadership Excellence Framework (LEF), patterned after our TEF, providing rigorous leaders' evaluation and professional development, preparing our leaders to provide top level programmatic and institutional service.

⇒ Continuation of our state recognized Leadership Development Program, preparing leading teachers for advancing roles as school leaders — a program open to teachers from all state schools.

⇒ Vision Planning and College Then Career programming.

⇒ The following programs received continued support through supplemental funding provided by generous individuals and the corporate and philanthropic community:

- A PreK program which receives a *Star5* highest State rating
- Universal free breakfast and lunches
- Free after-school tutoring and a mentoring program
- Job fairs and job acquisition training for student families
- Computer training for student families, providing graduates free home computers
- Community service days
- A Summer Enrichment Program targeted at academic performance of new and struggling students

Dedications Honoring Tireless Supporters of ESCS

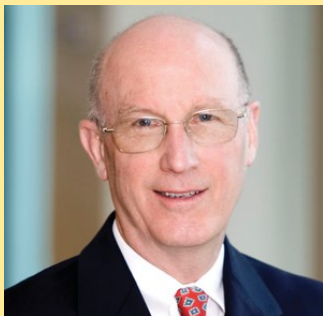
In its 20th year of operation, the course of the history of EastSide Charter School has been significantly affected by the tireless and dedicated efforts of many Delawareans. Their generous and selfless sharing of their time, opinions, and support has meant as much to the School as have the financial contributions of so very many donors, businesses and foundations who have helped fund the operations of the school. The school stands on their shoulders ... one and all.

This past spring EastSide honored two such supporters who have gone far above and beyond the “call” to positively affect the lives of thousands of children of our community. **Jocelyn Stewart** currently serves as Vice-Chair of the EastSide Board of Directors. **Charles S. McDowell** is the immediate past Board Chair, and serves as current CEO of the EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation, which works to support the activities and needs of the school.

Plaques honoring the contributions of these two great educational leaders now adorn the walls of the school.

Jocelyn Stewart Library and Mentoring Center June 6, 2018

In grateful appreciation of years of selfless, priceless, and heartfelt support provided by Jocelyn Stewart, EastSide Charter School hereby names the School Library in her honor. Jocelyn has served the School in so many ways; and principally has been a driving force behind the School's successful Mentoring Program, fostering hundreds of mentoring pairings providing the School's students positive role models and encouragement.



Charles S. McDowell Early Learning Academy June 6, 2018

In grateful appreciation of years of dedicated leadership and unwavering support provided by Charles S. McDowell, EastSide Charter School hereby renames the School Early Learning Academy the “Charles S. McDowell Early Learning Academy”. Charles has served the School in so many ways – as Board Member, Board Chair, chief advocate and fundraiser, and guiding light. He was the driving force behind the creation of the School's Early Learning Academy, providing our young scholars with a great start to their educational careers.

College then Career Program Flexes its muscles, achieves big results



EastSide's *College Then Career* program was founded last year as a totally unique program in Delaware education - preparing our elementary students for middle school; and our middle schoolers for the transition to high school. We have maintained contact with our graduates as they moved into high school, providing mentoring and supports. We will then follow up by assisting our alumni with college preparedness (mentoring, and applications and FAFSA preparation assistance) in

partnership with the high schools. As our alumni advance we will follow them, providing mentoring on into college. Internships will be provided for our alumni, in high school and in college, increasingly by our own alumni whose progress in their own life arcs has brought them to positions of ability to reach back to offer support for those that follow in their footsteps. The support of our alumni will continue into the students'/ graduates' first job.

Through the College Then Career program, this year the number of our graduating 8th graders moving on to so-called "Competitive", "Highly-Competitive", or "Ultra-Competitive" secondary schools increased by 20% over past years. Our graduates will be attending such schools as St. Andrew's School, Girard College, Salesianum School, St. Elizabeth School, St. Marks High School, and Tower Hill School. Additionally, EastSide programming and counseling acquaints and helps rising high school students to focus on educational opportunities permitting them to see "*their reach exceed their grasp*", including connectivity to pre-college and college preparatory programs such as Upward Bound, Delaware Futures, and TeenSHARP programs.



ESCS students performed strongly in securing highly competitive positions in the national **Give Something Back Foundation** scholarship/grant program, through which students can earn a full four-year scholarship to the University of Delaware, conditioned on continuing achievement through high school. In all, 35 such scholarship opportunities were awarded nationally this year, with ESCS students receiving 4 (11%) of all such grants awarded. [Overall, Vision Academies students received 20% of all such awards made.]

By the \$ numbers ... we directly assisted students in obtaining over \$1,176,776 in grants and scholarships - \$463,000 for independent High Schools, and \$713,776 for college. Through our Crozier Scholarship Program, we committed an additional \$121,080 to awards our students obtained, with our help, for High School tuition. **Total financial assistance to scholars over this and the coming four years thus will equal some \$1,297,856!**

To support families, which in turn provides support to students, the College then Career program also conducted job and resume preparation workshops, as well as a Job Fair that saw several EastSide parents obtain jobs on the spot.



Early Learning Academy

An outstanding Early Learning Academy for 4 year olds is a major commitment of the EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation. Work with children at this young age enables them to enter Kindergarten on grade level—a start that works to prevent falling behind in later grades. Delaware does not provide education funding for such programs, even though our program has the highest state rating - Star 5. While some of our families are able to obtain some state funding for "child care" for working parents, this limited state funding and some modest parent revenue still leaves us with an operating deficit of about **\$2,500 per student**, as our instructors are fully accredited teachers, unlike those at many other programs. Our total annual program operating deficit will exceed \$165,000 per year for 66 students.



Operating Revenue:	
Private (Family Contribution)	\$ 17,256
Purchase of Care (State of Delaware)	\$ 166,161
Total Receipts	\$ 183,417
Operating Expenditures:	
Salaries	
Teachers (3)	\$ 109,656
Para Professionals (3)	\$ 70,287
Director/Instructional Coach	\$ 27,688
Other Employment Costs	\$ 99,175
Learning Materials	
Field Trips	\$ 2,000
Teacher Supplies	\$ 1,000
Expenditures Before General Overhead	\$ 362,806
Operating Deficit Before Gen Overhead	\$ (126,390)
Operating Deficit After Gen Overhead	\$ (165,800)
Foundation subsidy per student	\$ 2,512



**You are crucial to the achievement of our mission—
Every gift matters ... Every Year !!**

We greatly appreciate all of those listed below who generously contributed to our successful 2017-2018 school year. With your continuing support, we will achieve our goal of changing the face of urban education in Delaware. Every dollar directly affects the education of EastSide scholars.

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EastSide Charter School's mission is to change the landscape of urban education in Delaware; changing others' expectations, others' actions, and the futures of our kids.

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