

# Executive Director's Report December 15, 2022

# Included in this report

- Updates
- Year-end Review

#### Updates: Strategic Plan

The K-8 Leadership Team has completed areas of focus & positions of corresponding responsibility

**Next steps: Goals & metrics** 

Planning for school family involvement & input

#### **Updates: Student Recruitment**



Our school farm grows fresh produce for students, teachers and visitors and provides hands-on learning opportunities.



#### BENEFITS OF HEALTHY & NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEALS



School lunch looks - and tastes - much different at Neighborhood Charter. It starts with a commitment to healthy, locally grown food, and extends all the way to helping students understand where their food comes from and why that matters. We have a fully functioning, highly productive farm at both campuses over 120 raised beds in total - that grow vegetables, fruits and herbs used in our kitchen all year round.

Our School Farm Specialist integrates the farm into our curriculum - using it to teach lessons about science, math, and culture.

In the kitchen, breakfast and lunch are prepared each day with the goal of feeding our school family meals that taste good and are also good for them. We offer a full range of options, including vegan and vegetarian meals,

#### ABOUT ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

We are a tuition-free, Kindergarten-8th grade, public charter school with

We're located in your neighborhood, and it is our goal to serve our entire

#### A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

688 Grant St SE Atlanta, GA 30315

#### HOW TO APPLY



Elementary Campus 688 Grant St. Atlanta, GA 30315

Middle Campus

Atlanta, GA 30316

820 Essie Ave.

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#### **Updates: Teacher Recruitment**



#### TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR





SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

#### Updates: January Faculty/Staff Workday

8:30am - 11:30am: K-8 Faculty/Staff Joint Session - Identity & Ideology

11:30am - 12:30pm: Lunch

12:30pm - 4:30pm: Report writing/data assessment

(EC progress reports due out at 3pm)

- <u>Academic attainment has stayed consistent</u> during and after COVID-driven remote learning. Standardized test results (Milestones and Measure of Academic Progress) do not show overall "learning loss".
  - Our third graders' scores in English and math reached their highest state percentile rank since at least 2016 (90% & 92%, respectively).
  - Our eighth graders' scores in English and math also reached the highest state percentile rank since at least 2016 (92% & 85%, respectively).

# Year-end Accomplishments MAP Scores (Fall)



- Our teacher retention rate (91%) continues to trend well above the national average, and we continue to retain a high number of experienced faculty and staff.
  - Average tenure at ANCS: 6 years
  - Average years of teaching experience: 11 years

- This year's class of new students exceeded our newly-set socio-economic diversity goal.
  - o SY21 = 7
  - $\circ$  SY22 = 6
  - SY23 = 21\* (23 was the final number; goal was 17)

- We saw an all-time high in enrollment applications.
  - 1150 applications for 21 open seats.
  - 808 students currently waitlisted.

 We shifted away from paid PTCA memberships and classroom-level fundraising; we're supporting class socials, faculty appreciation, and other community building work via the <u>Gather & Grow Fund</u>.

- We hired two Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Co-Directors, and successfully merged the efforts of the PTCA and the Diversity & Equity Action Team (DEAT).
- Hired a new Director of Finance & Operations

- Conducted an independent safety/security assessment of both campuses
- Placed two armed security guards at each location

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 A group of middle campus students traveled to Peru for an educational, service-oriented cultural expedition.

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- We established new partnerships
  - Zoo Atlanta
  - Alliance Theatre
  - Center for Hard to Recycle Materials better known as CHaRM

- We welcomed back a host of in-person events, including:
  - Winter Wonderland
  - Spelling Bee
  - o Snowball

## Points of Emphasis

- Consistent academic performance
- High teacher retention rate
- Experienced faculty