

Mission Moments

Director's Report 4.22.15

1. Draft School Program Goals 2015-16 :

Moving forward our 2014-15 School Program Goals

- 1) Enhance our Practice: Strengthened Teacher Learning Communities: Increased capacity for collegial planning teams, staff development and committee work
- 2) Communicating and Enforcing School wide Norms and Expectations
Fostering and maintaining a community culture of care, respect and kindness in our students, staff and families
- 3) Updating our Evaluation Process Holistically: Implementing and improving fair, just and supportive evaluation processes for all: students, staff, and programs
- 4) Determining our Present and Planning for the Future

Our School Program Goals for 2015-16 are:

- 1) Establishing respectful behavior expectations for every child with clarity, consistency, and consequences.
- 2) Through Professional Development in the 2015-16 school year, all K-7 staff will understand and confidently teach Project Based Learning skills.
- 3) Design a long term school program plan incorporating instructional, resource and facility needs so that child within our K-8 school reaches his/her potential.

2. Fair Funding: Several North Carolina charter advocacy groups are joining forces to change the current NC legislative statute that denies our children funding. We are joining with them and we need our board's support. Below is a letter I send to our families on Friday. I would encourage you to become one of our 25 community members who will mobilize to overturn and rewrite the statute.

Dear CPSC Families,

We are so fortunate that you chose Central Park School for Children. Without you, we would not exist, and our children would not be provided the education they so much deserve.

We have a problem, and I need your help to solve it! *Our children are being denied thousands of dollars in local taxpayer revenue and we need your help.*

In Durham County that equates to close to \$1,200 per student a year and for CPSC over \$350,000 per year. Imagine what we could do with these dollars?! The funds would go directly toward increasing our students potential, closing the achievement gaps, and more opportunities and resources for all!

Current legislation, known as the Hackney and Nesbitt amendments, allow local school systems to restrict sales tax, refunds, reimbursements, and federal dollars from public charter school students. The impact: This year, local districts restricted over \$33,000,000 from public charter schools. (See the attached fair funding summary that went to legislators in the past two weeks.)

Please sign up to be an advocate to reverse these unjust amendments:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RZdwKrsuzUCo7TuExijjqOnapdOCCvEiK6JedIqhtc/viewform>

We are seeking 25 CPSC community members to join our team for fair funding! You will be asked to:

- Carve out 30 minutes a few times per month to go to a Fair Funding Advocacy web site on an assigned day and trigger the advocacy system:
 - The system will connect you to Legislative Leaders in Education and let them know how it is unfair that public charter school students are not being fairly funded with public monies.

In the coming weeks we may ask that your advocacy efforts increase in other ways (e.g. testimony, organizing rally, and letters of support).

I thank you for choosing us, supporting us as we grow and doing what is right for public charter school children.

Sincerely,

John