



# Annual Report

2015-2016



*Proud Members of the Collegium Charter School Graduating Class of 2016*

## —YEAR AT A GLANCE—

- Welcomed new CEO, Dr. Antoinette Rath.
- **STEAM\*** lessons piloted in kindergarten classrooms.
- **Google Expeditions Pioneer Program VR\*\*** field trips for grades 4th-6th.
- Chester County Emergency Preparedness exercise site for first response agencies.
- Comcast's **Gadget Expo** for high school students highlighted emerging technology.
- CCS teacher named Citadel Federal Credit Union **Heart of Learning Award** finalist.
- West Chester University's **Math Carnival** reinforced creativity in math education.
- The 2nd Annual CCS College Fair reinforced the goals of our mission statement.
- Established our 1st Annual Cougar Classic 5K.
- Boys' HS Basketball Achieved District 1 Semifinals Rank (PIAA Inaugural Year).
- Girls' HS Basketball won the Tri-County Independent School League Championship.
- First CCS student accepted and attending an Ivy League university.

*\*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math \*\*Virtual Reality*

## —STUDENT ENROLLMENT—

CCS is an independent K-12 public school offering families a choice for their child's elementary and secondary education. While enrollment is open to any student who resides in Pennsylvania, most CCS families reside in Chester County.

**2,600+**

*At 2,600+ students, our population is larger than than 60% of PA school districts.*

**OVER 20**

*Our students come from over 20 different school districts across the Commonwealth.*

**\$0.00**

*As an independent public school, our families do not pay tuition.*

# —OPERATING BUDGET—

With \$36 million in revenue and \$36 million in expenses, CCS used every penny during the 2015-2016 school year. A charter school receives funding from the school districts where its students reside and operates with less public funding than traditional public schools. Additionally, charter schools must fund facilities (lease or purchase) from their operating budget, as opposed to raising taxes.

**75–80%**

*Typical percentage of a student's home school district's per-pupil allotment that follows the student from the district to a charter school.*

**100%**

*All raises and bonuses are performance-based. CCS does not have a teacher pay-scale as found in traditional public schools.*

**\$185K**

*Additional costs associated with the PA State Budget Impasse – with zero layoffs or cuts to programs.*

# —ALUMNA QUOTE—

**“I am very thankful for the countless opportunities Collegium Charter School offered me. Collegium was more than a school to me. The teachers, students, and staff were like family and they truly wanted to see me succeed. Collegium taught me that no matter where I go in this world, I can use resources and experiences I gather over the years to be the change I want to see in the world.”**

*—Karla Moses, CCS Class of 2014. Currently Attending Shippensburg University and Studying Early Childhood Education.*

# —FUTURE PROJECTS & INITIATIVES—

- **Expanding to Our Newest Building - 486 Thomas Jones Way.**
- **Middle School Access to *Project Lead the Way* STEM Courses.**
- **Purchasing our 150 Building and 515 Building.**
- **Construction of Performing Arts Auditorium in our 515 Building.**
- ***Eureka Math* for K-8 Mathematics Instruction.**
- **Lucy Calkins' *Readers' & Writers' Workshop* for K-5 ELA\* Instruction.**  
*\*English Language Arts*



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