



ANNUAL Community Report 2017

Collegium Charter School - The Smart Choice in Public Education



Proud Members of the Collegium Charter School Graduating Class of 2017

—YEAR IN REVIEW—

- Implemented *Eureka Math* program for students and teachers in grades K-8.
- Introduced new Reading and Writing programs: *Units of Study in Reading & Writing*.
- Added MS/HS electives: *Design & Modeling* and *Computer Integrated Manufacturing*.
- Greatly improved campus Wi-Fi by deploying 90 *Ruckus R710 Dual-Band Wave 2 AC APs*.
- Held HS Town Hall Meetings for students and employees as forums for improvement.
- Celebrated 70+ Collegium nominations for Citadel's *Heart of Learning Award*.
- Completed construction of a new playground at our 468/486 Building.
- Recognized for successfully employing Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports.
- Students participated in the CCIU's *24 Challenge Tournament* for the first time.
- VG Volleyball won the Tri-County Independent School League (TCISL) Championship.
- VG Basketball won the TCISL Championship and qualified for PIAA DI Playoffs.
- VB Baseball finished as *Runners-Up* in TCISL Championship & PIAA DI *Semi-Finalists*.

—STUDENT ENROLLMENT—

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

2,800+

At 2,800+ students, our population is larger 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—

Charter schools operate 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. Collegium's 2016-2017 operating budget includes \$45 million in revenues. In 2017, Collegium secured a \$43.3 million bond issuance to purchase the 150 Building and the 515 Building.

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.

\$40M+

By purchasing two of our school buildings, rather than continuing to lease, Collegium will save tens of millions of dollars.

—ALUMNA QUOTE—

“When I was five years old, my parents took a risk with my education. They pulled me from my district public school and placed me in a small, brand-new charter school with the hope that I would be challenged academically, cared for, and encouraged to be myself. Thanks to the tireless dedication of Collegium’s teachers and faculty, all of that came to fruition and more. Collegium is not just a school I went to; it’s my second family. CCS is what inspired me to become a teacher. As a teacher, I can only hope that I deliver the same opportunities and care that were provided for me over the 13-year course of my education at Collegium.”

—Danielle La Valley, Collegium Charter School Graduating Class of 2012; West Chester University Graduating Class of 2016.

—FUTURE PROJECTS & INITIATIVES—

- **Begin construction of a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center.**
- **Create a new STEAM* Center in the 500 Building for students in grades 5-8.**
- **Add a new *National Geographic* science curriculum for grades K-5.**
- **Further expansion of *Project Lead The Way* STEM** curricula for MS/HS.**
- **Development of a HS Pathway program with Delaware County Community College.**
- **Join the Business Educators Partnership of the Exton Chamber of Commerce.**

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math*



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