

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT BUSINESS MEETING PREVIEW

JUNE 2018



# AGENDA

1. **Update: Victoria Foundation**
2. **Summer School Preview**
3. **End of Year Highlights**

# Victoria Foundation

Victoria Foundation has targeted its grantmaking to benefit children and families living in Newark for the past 50 years. In the past 10 years, VF has granted \$120 million, with \$50M directly benefitting NPS students.

2017-18 Direct Grants in partnership with NPS:

## EXAMPLES

24 NPS district schools	\$680,000
Students 2 Science	\$100,000
NPS Summer School/Arts	\$65,000
Newark Debate Academy	\$70,000
Marion Bolden Student Center	\$80,000

# Victoria Foundation

## Victoria Foundation Public School Grants Program 2018-19

### HIGHLIGHTS:

19 projects funded, serving 10,000 students at 24 district & 3 charter schools. Grants ranging from \$20K to \$150K totaling \$800K

Innovative projects focused on 4 areas:

**Arts education**.....Newark Arts Education Roundtable

**STEAM** .....Newark Thrives!

**Social emotional learning**.....Newark Trust for Education

**College access & success**.....Schools That Can Newark

\* 5 district schools will use the NPS Grants Office as their fiscal sponsor, receiving grants totaling \$207,000.

# Victoria Foundation

## Benefits of Working with Partners

- Site visits conducted by independent experts
- Our nonprofit partner will offer capacity-building workshops in evaluation, program enhancement, and fundraising
- Bring educators from different projects together to share best practices
- Educators will have multiple opportunities to participate in walk-throughs of other funded schools to see first hand what their peers are learning from the projects – both within their topic area and across topic areas

# Schools That Can Newark

- STC Newark reimagines education through real-world learning that closes the opportunity and skills gap.
- We develop teachers' skills and capacity to plan and facilitate real-world learning in their classrooms.
- We empower the leaders in our network to expand real-world learning across their schools.
- We engage students directly in hands-on, relevant, real-world learning.

# Schools That Can Newark

## College Access & Success Grant Recipients

- **Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark:** The Eagle “Flight Plan” is a school wide strategy to prepare 12<sup>th</sup> graders for college success. Grant amount: \$25,000
- **KIPP NJ:** To reduce summer melt, counselors will execute an intentional summer transition protocol that includes benchmarks and checklists. Grant amount: \$50,000
- **Lincoln School:** The program will illustrate the viability of music as a pathway to college and career success. Grant amount: \$32,000
- **People’s Prep:** People’s Prep will strengthen students’ academic profiles to increase the number of graduates attending selective colleges/universities. Grant amount: \$50,000
- **West Side HS:** Dual Credit Academy will provide students with opportunities to earn college credits and industry recognized certificates. Grant amount: \$43,000

# NEWARK THRIVES!

## Mission

- To improve access to and participation in high-quality out of school time opportunities for Newark youth by
- leveraging resources, convening stakeholders, and empowering young people, families, and educators.

## Programs/Initiatives

- The Newark STEAM Coalition – a cross-sector collaborative established to cultivate STEAM opportunities for Newark students
- Program Locator - provides Newark families with convenient, quick, and searchable access to youth programs offered throughout the city.
- Professional Development & Program Evaluation



# NEWARK THRIVES! – NEWARK STEAM COALITION

## STEAM(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Grant Recipients

- **Abington Avenue School - STEAM Academy:** Project will create a cohesive and multidisciplinary S.T.E.A.M.-based academy for students in grades 3-8.
- **Barringer Academy of STEAM - Project STEAM:** Will support a strategic planning process, professional development and teacher recruitment efforts.
- **First Avenue School - STEAM Lab Pipeline Initiative:** First Avenue School will launch the initiative by converting an existing Media Center to a STEAM Lab. Architecture, Robotics, 3Dprintings, etc.
- **Ridge Street School - Soaring with STEAM:** The program continues the comprehensive wildlife programming and connected music classes. Support teacher training program.
- **South Street School - Project Lead the Way Gateway Curriculum Expansion:** The project will positively impact middle school mathematics and science achievement. Increase middle school student interest in STEM careers.

# NEWARK TRUST FOR EDUCATION

## WHY

The Trust envisions a public education infrastructure that leverages the wide array of opportunities available to the young people of Newark, effectively creating positive conditions for learning that help young people meet rigorous academic outcomes, develop strong socio-emotional skills, and have access to high-quality post-secondary options.

## HOW

| **CONNECT** | PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS AND IDEAS

| **ALIGN** | VISION, STRATEGY, AND RESOURCES

| **IGNITE** | ACTION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

## WHAT

- Partnering to Improve Learning
- Safe and Supportive Schools
- Efficient and Responsive Systems

# NEWARK TRUST FOR EDUCATION

## Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Grants

### ■ Avon Avenue School – Building DREAMers

- Through a whole school approach, this project will incorporate multiple layers SEL of work including Positive Action curriculum combined with DREAMs values to promote positive social behaviors for all students (Tier 1) and tailored mental health supports for Tiers 2 and 3.

### ■ Dr. Horton, Benjamin Franklin, Raphael Hernandez, George Washington Carver, the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE)

- NJCIE will support the cohort of four schools with incorporating the CASEL-endorsed Second Step curriculum into the academic curriculum including coaching teachers and school staff and using evaluation to measure student and school progress.

# NEWARK ARTS EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE



- The Newark Arts Education Roundtable (NAER) is a cross sector collaborative whose mission is to ensure that all Newark children in grades PreK-12 have equitable access to high quality, sequential arts education opportunities, both in and out of school.



- We accomplish this through advocacy ensuring that the value of arts education is acknowledged and funded; capacity building across all sectors; and building and supporting highly engaged cross sector partnerships

# ARTS EDUCATION GRANTEES

- Arts High School: *Newark Arts Pathway Project*
- BRICK Peshine Academy: *Building a Performing Arts Continuum with NJPAC*
- East Side High School: *Celebrating our Rich Diversity Through the Arts*
- Roberto Clemente Elementary: *F.U.E.R.T.E. Afterschool Arts Program*
- South 17th Street Elementary School: *Transformative Culture*
- Sussex Avenue Renew School: *Progressive Percussion in Mindfulness*
- University Heights Charter School: *Creativity Consultant Project*

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# SUMMER PLUS (1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>)



Once again this year, NPS will be hosting Summer Plus for 4 weeks across the city of Newark (July 9th-August 3<sup>rd</sup>).

The Summer Plus program is a mix of academic and enrichment programming for rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

- We expect summer plus programming to serve approximately 2800 students this summer across 10 sites

The daily schedule includes:

- Doors Open: 8:30am
- Academic Program: 9am-12pm
- Enrichment Program: 1pm-3pm
- Extended Day: 3pm-6pm

# SUMMER PLUS

In addition to standard Summer Plus programming, there are a few special programs. These programs include:

- **Extended School Year:** For students with Disabilities whose IEPs require a summer program. This program will serve approximately 425 students this summer.
- **English Plus:** Academic and Enrichment Programming for English Language Learners at designated Summer Plus Sites. This programs will serve approximately 575 students this summer.
- **South Ward Community Schools Summer Programming:** Our Community Schools are using grant funding to host school-specific summer programming at their sites this summer. These programs are similar to summer plus in content and will serve approximately 650 students this summer across 5 sites.

Overall, we expect approximately 4500 students to be served by NPS summer plus programs in K-8 this year!



# SUMMER PLUS

Summer Plus Site	English Plus	Extended School Year (Self Contained)	Extended School Year (Inclusion)
Oliver	Yes	Autism	Grades K-2
Hawkins	Yes	Pre-School Disabled	Grades 3-5
First Avenue	Yes	Autism	N/A
Elliott	Yes	Autism	N/A
McKinley	Yes	Autism	Grades K-2
Belmont Runyon	No	Medically Involved	Grades K-2
Carver	No	Behavior Disabled	Grades 3-5
Mount Vernon	Yes	N/A	Grades 6-8
Speedway	No	Autism	N/A
13th Ave	No	Autism	Grades K-5

# HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY

High School Summer School at Central and Science Park will be 5 weeks long (July 9th-August 10<sup>th</sup>), continue to focus on credit recovery, and will follow the below schedule:

- Breakfast: 7:45am-8:10am
- Period 1: 8:15am-10:45am
- Period 2: 10:55am-1:25pm
- Lunch: 1:30pm-1:45pm

In addition to credit recovery NPS will also provide Accelerated courses for students that are interested, High School English Plus for English Language Learners, and Mental Toughness Programming at Uplift Academy.

In total, we expect to serve over 1500 High School students with NPS programs this summer.

# SUMMER READING

The Newark Public Schools will host the High School Summer Reading Challenge: We challenge students to read for at least 20 minutes each day and to keep track of what they read.

## Suggested Summer Reading Titles

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<i>The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i> by Sean Covey  <i>The Other Wes Moore</i> by Wes Moore  <i>Persepolis</i> (Graphic Novel) by Marjane Satrapi  <i>Drown</i> by Junot Diaz	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding  <i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas  <i>I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban</i> by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai  <i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> by Julia Alvarez	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Hailey</i>  <i>The Namesake</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri  <i>1984</i> by George Orwell	<i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride  <i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho  <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest J. Gaines
<b>Suggested Audible Titles:</b> <i>Bronx Masquerade</i> by Nikki Grimes, <i>A Separate Peace</i> by John Knowles, <i>Things Fall Apart</i> by Chinua Achebe, and <i>The Skin I'm In</i> by Sharon G. Flake			

# AUDIBLE PARTNERSHIP

## Audible Partnership: A Great Resource for Summer Learning

- Newark Public Schools is partnering with Audible for a city-wide listen and read of the book *Born a Crime* by Daily Show host Trevor Noah.
- This text, along with the tablets provided to all high school students and the many titles available through this partnership, will be a great resource for students in Newark this summer to learn and grow.



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# END OF YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

As we end another year at the Newark Public Schools we want to highlight the great things that our hard-working students and educators have accomplished this year.

There are some key areas we would like to highlight:

- Strengthening our Community of Learners
- Investing in STEM & Innovation
- Creating More Inclusive Schools
- Rewarding Excellence and High Expectations

# STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS



*Keynote Speaker and Educators at District Spring Colloquium*

## End of Year Highlights

- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Colloquium at NJIT
  - Over 200 educators coming together on a Saturday for learning
- Curiosity Professional Development at NJPAC
  - National experts come to Newark to talk about GRIT and Curiosity
- Recognizing Educators and Support staff members of the year

## Coming Soon

- Investing in School Leadership Development



# INVESTING IN STEM & INNOVATION

## End Of Year Highlights

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Newark STEM Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual District-Wide STEM Fair
- Newark TriMathlon
- Official Opening of Students 2 Science Center & 1.5M investment by Panasonic
- Middle School Kids Who Code Program

## Coming Soon

- Moving to 1 to 1 ratio of tablets to students in high schools



*Newark Students at TriMathlon and STEM Week*



# CREATING MORE INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS



*Judges and students at  
Multilingual Spelling Bee*

## End of Year Highlights

- Multilingual Spelling Bee
- SEPAC recognizes Special Educators at North Ward Center
- More Students Participate in Special Olympics
- LGBTQ Event held at Newark Museum
- UndocuNewark Series Continued

## Coming Soon

- Increased Investments next year in Special Education, Bilingual Education and Student Supports.

# REWARDING EXCELLENCE AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS

## End of Year Highlights

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Superintendent's Awards
  - Recognized students for Excellence, Equity and Effort, as well as Validictorians and Salutatorians
- Students Receive scholarships for many Summer Programs
  - Stevens Institute
  - Debois Scholars at Princeton University
  - Berkeley College of Music Summer Program
  - Chad Foundation Scholarships



## Coming Soon

- We expect graduation rates across the district to increase for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year.

*Board Members and City Leaders celebrate students at 3E Awards*

# THANK YOU

- These highlights are just a few of the things we had the privilege to collaborate on and move forward during this interim period.
- I look forward to working the Newark School Board and incoming Superintendent Roger Leon to continue progress in these areas.
- I want to thank the School Board and community for your collaboration and support during my tenure as Interim Superintendent.
- It has been a true honor to serve you in this capacity.