



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18



THE  
Intergenerational  
SCHOOL

# LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME

When Reginald Walker III, recalls his 8 years at The Intergenerational School, he remembers his friendships. But not just classmates – he includes teachers, his basketball coach and mentors like David Atton. “Mr. Atton was my BEST friend,” says 15-year-old Reggie, now in his first year at Benedictine High School. “In fact, Mr. Atton still is. We meet once a week at a coffee shop after school!”

Intergenerational Schools are multi-generational learning communities that excel at preparing students to be confident and engaged citizens in a fast-changing world. We learn from each other, especially through interactive experiences. At Intergenerational Schools children as young as five work with very active reading and math mentors well into their 80s, and many students, teachers and mentors in between. Learning with people who are different from us benefits everyone.

Reggie developed his love of learning in this community of small, multigenerational class rooms, from Kindergarten on. He learned how to make friends and help younger classmates progress. He practiced communicating in a respectful manner, which kept his relationships thriving for a decade. “I’ve learned how to listen, before I speak,” Reggie added.

From day one, students learn to be independent and make their own good choices. Emphasis is on problem-solving, not rote memorization and conformity. When Math got tough for Reggie in grades 4-5, mentor David Atton began tutoring him once a week, using patience and humor to push down some of Reggie’s barriers to learning. This strategy was even impactful when Reggie didn’t make the basketball team. Instead of getting angry with disappointment, Reggie doubled his practice time, the way he did with math computations, and won a spot on the team the next year. Today, he’s a stand out basketball player and a confident student at Benedictine, adjusting well to the rigors of its college prep curriculum.

Reggie credits his family, especially his Mom and Grandmother, for their inspiration and encouragement over the years. Reggie’s father passed away this year, “but I know he is proud of my accomplishments.” He has seen firsthand how community helps students grow, when it includes family, teachers, mentors and fellow students.







# THE Intergenerational SCHOOL

Serving Grades K-8

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## A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Founded in 2000, The Intergenerational School pioneered a unique educational model that has received both national and international recognition, and has been replicated at Near West and Lakeshore Intergenerational Schools in Cleveland. Modeled on the belief that there is no better way to reinforce knowledge than to teach it to someone else, The Intergenerational School has multi-age classrooms that give every child the opportunity to both teach and learn. Additionally, our students learn with a lifetime perspective and benefit from daily interactions with a diverse group of young and older adults who serve as mentors, tutors and co-learners.

## THESE CORE VALUES ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO HOW WE EDUCATE CHILDREN:

- Celebration of Diversity
- Choice & Accountability
- Innovation
- Interpersonal Skills
- Joyful, Independent Learning
- Integrity
- Shared & Responsible Use of Resources
- Work Ethic

## TOGETHER, THESE CORE VALUES SUPPORT OUR VISION:

Intergenerational Schools are a top choice in public education for Greater Cleveland families. We foster joyful and independent academic and social-emotional learning that allows students and mentors to excel both individually and together in one equitable community. As innovative and progressive educators, we are catalysts and collaborators in improving public education that transforms Cleveland.

## CITY & STATE RESULTS

The Intergenerational School's Performance Index score of 78.8 measures overall student achievement, and compares with Cleveland's 60.9 and Ohio's 84.2. The school's Overall Value-Added Gain Index was -0.82, compared with -6.30 in Cleveland.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- The school received an "A" for K-3 Literacy (92.3%) for the second consecutive year, with 90.6% of students meeting the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements for promotion to 4th grade.
- All student subgroups met or exceeded the state's Annual Measurable Objective for English Language Arts.
- 5th and 6th grade students showed significant evidence of more than expected growth on the state's English Language Arts and Math assessments.

Source: ODE 2018



## MISSION

Intergenerational Schools connect, create, and guide a multigenerational community of lifelong learners and spirited citizens as they strive for academic excellence.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## FY 2017/2018

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| State        | 1,868,140 |
| Federal      | 277,015   |
| Philanthropy | 239,290   |
| Other        | 246,170   |

**TOTAL FUNDING** 2,630,615

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Salaries             | 1,334,529 |
| Benefits*            | 371,397   |
| Purchased Services   | 886,857   |
| Supplies & Materials | 102,917   |
| Equipment            | 65,480    |
| Depreciation         | -         |
| Other                | 35,930    |

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 2,797,110

*FYE June 30, 2018 Unaudited Financials*

## The Intergenerational School 2018/19 School Board

**Mark Saffran**, Board Chair  
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## Our students are from:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Bedford Heights      | 1%  |
| Cleveland            | 67% |
| Cleveland Heights    | 7%  |
| East Cleveland       | 2%  |
| Euclid               | 4%  |
| Garfield Heights     | 5%  |
| Maple Heights        | <1% |
| Newburgh Heights     | <1% |
| Olmsted Falls        | 1%  |
| Parma                | 1%  |
| Richmond Heights     | 1%  |
| Shaker Heights       | 1%  |
| Solon                | <1% |
| South Euclid         | 2%  |
| University Heights   | 2%  |
| Warrensville Heights | 3%  |

## Our school community is:

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native | NC         |
| Asian or Pacific Islander   | NC         |
| Black, Non-Hispanic         | 89.9%      |
| Hispanic                    | NC         |
| Multiracial                 | NC         |
| White, Non-Hispanic         | 5.7%       |
| Students with Disabilities  | 8.8%       |
| Economic Disadvantage       | 60.6%      |
| English Learner             | NC         |
| Migrant                     | NC         |
| <b>ALL STUDENTS</b>         | <b>247</b> |

*If Enrollment is less than 10, results are Not Calculated (NC)*

**% of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers** **100%**

*The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) served as sponsor for The Intergenerational School during the 2017-2018 school year. ESCLEW monitored the school's academic and fiscal performance, as well as organization and operation of the school, and determined that the school was overall compliant.*