

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18



Near West
Intergenerational School



SCHOOL CULTURE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The chaotic environment of their son Gino Jr.'s school had Gino Sr. and Cassandra desperately searching for a better alternative. Then, in 2016, Near West Intergenerational School signed on as a new client for their cleaning company. Cassandra and Gino Sr. quickly discovered that this school was special. Principal Molly Toussant knew all of the kids by name. "She took the time to know them and care about them," Cassandra observed. They enrolled Gino Jr. into the fifth grade.

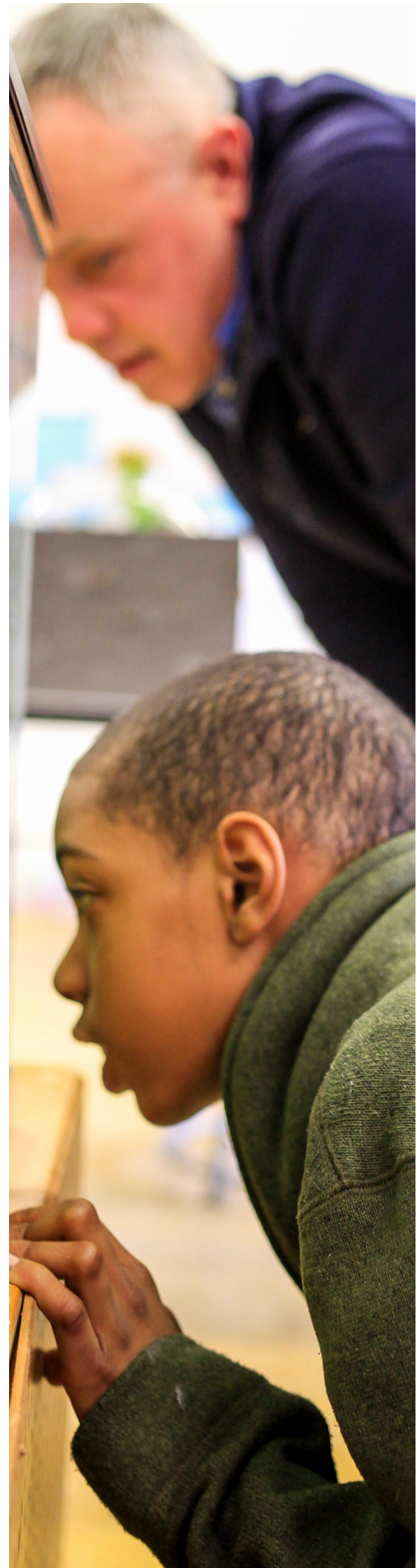
Near West's culture of caring begins with forming deep relationships with students and families. "What keeps people coming is a sense of community, so you have to work really hard to create that community," says Toussant. Families attend the school's monthly community meetings, culminating in learning stage promotions. "We celebrate all of the hard work it took for a student to make it to the next learning stage."

Near West hosts monthly family meetings, social events in their gym or at the park across the street and maintains an active social media connection with families. "The research is clear on the impact of family engagement, but beyond that, it's just really important to make everyone feel welcome here," Toussant said.

Science Teacher Emmet O'Melia beams with pride as he describes the progress Gino Jr. has made in the last five months. "Gino came in thinking 'what can I get away with.' So first we had to spend time building our relationship." O'Melia insists everyone in his class be treated with kindness. His students describe Near West as "feeling like a family, where everybody cares about you."

"Gino, Jr. comes home excited to tell us about what he learns," says Gino Sr. "He talks to me about organisms and what's living in pond water. He never used to do that." Gino Jr. speaks with enthusiasm about Mr. O'Melia's science experiments, "You get as much fun as the time and effort you put into your work." Describing Karol Goodman, his language arts teacher, Gino Jr says "Mrs. Goodman always says, 'the more questions you ask, the more you know,' so she gets a lot of questions from us."

Near West has ignited a lifelong love of learning in Gino Jr. because it understands how powerful the combination of hard work and strong relationships are. Gino and Cassandra have a school where their son is known and valued. For Gino Jr., that is making all the difference.





Near West

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Serving Grades K-8

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A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Near West Intergenerational School opened in 2011 in Ohio City in response to strong community demand for a high-quality school. Our school serves an inspiring, diverse group of students, all working together to become lifelong learners. Our school was founded on two mainstay principles: 1) learning is a lifelong developmental process, and 2) knowledge is socially constructed. Our students are challenged, nurtured, and encouraged by teachers, peers, and senior mentors in multi-age clusters on their journey to becoming lifelong 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

Near West Intergenerational School's Performance Index score of 87.4 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 +1.03, compared with -6.30 in Cleveland.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- 96.6% of students met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements for promotion to 4th grade.
- Near West received an "A" in Gap Closing on the state report card, which shows how well schools are meeting the performance expectations for our most vulnerable populations of students in English Language Arts and Math.
- Students in every subgroup (All students, Black students, Hispanic students, Students with Disabilities, etc.) exceeded Annual Measurable Objectives set by the state.

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	2,100,197
Federal	298,886
Philanthropy	104,881
Other	193,787

TOTAL FUNDING 2,697,751

Salaries	1,270,999
Benefits*	354,003
Purchased Services	842,103
Supplies & Materials	115,249
Equipment	51,683
Depreciation	-
Other	19,628

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,653,665

FYE June 30, 2018 Unaudited Financials

Our students are from:

Bedford Heights	1%
Brooklyn	<1%
Chagrin Falls	1%
Cleveland	76%
Cleveland Heights	1%
East Cleveland	1%
Elyria	1%
Euclid	1%
Fairview Park	<1%
Garfield Heights	2%
Lakewood	4%
Lorain	1%
Maple Heights	2%
Newburgh Heights	1%
North Olmsted	1%
Parma	3%
Parma Heights	2%
Richmond Heights	2%
Shaker Heights	1%
Solon	<1%
Westlake	1%

Near West Intergenerational School 2018/19 School Board

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Our school community is:

Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native	NC
Asian or Pacific Islander	NC
Black, Non-Hispanic	36.3%
Hispanic	26.4%
Multiracial	6.8%
White, Non-Hispanic	29.7%
Students with Disabilities	18.5%
Economic Disadvantage	100%
English Learner	7.2%
Migrant	NC
ALL STUDENTS	236

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

% of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers 100%