



## 2021-2022 Annual Report

### Near West Students Change the World through their Writing

Every spring, Beginning Stage students at Near West Intergenerational School begin a new writing unit. This trimester, Mrs. O'Donnell's Beginning Stage (GLE K-2) class focused on "writing to make our world a better place." After reading Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*, students asked questions and shared ideas around how the story connects with our world and why it is important to care about the environment. Mrs. O'Donnell furthered the discussion by asking questions such as, "What are other things that we would like to see different in our world?" and "What are ways we can make the world a better place?"

During this discussion, students brought up the subject of war in general and of the current crisis happening in Ukraine. Mrs. O'Donnell asked students what they had heard and what questions they had. They were eager to help and wanted to support the people of Ukraine, especially the children.

Practicing persuasive writing, Mrs. O'Donnell's class collaborated to write a letter to Ms. April Maimone, Principal of Near West, sharing their ideas and asking permission to host a fundraising campaign. The class made beaded bracelets and set up a shop in the hall during morning drop-off where students and families could stop by, learn about the project and buy a bracelet to benefit Save the Children.

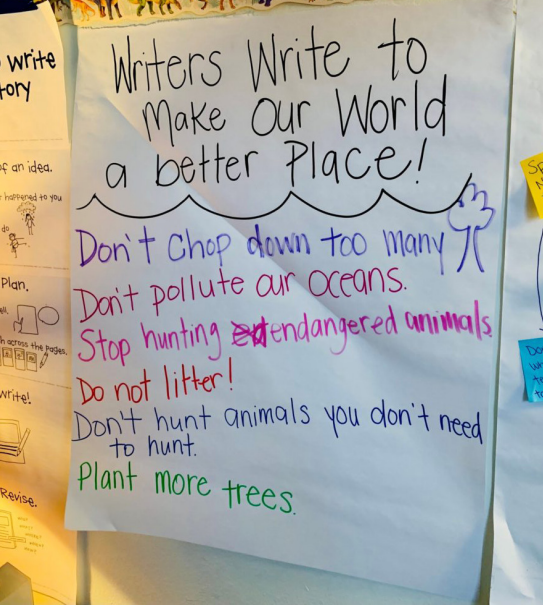
Each morning, students, parents and teachers stopped by the table to learn more—and many were inspired to find their own ways to support the cause. Ms. Fucile's Beginning Stage (GLE K-2) class made art to sell to help raise additional funds. Applying Stage (GLE 7-8) students hosted a virtual discussion with Mrs. O'Donnell's class to talk more about how each of us is capable of changing the world. Even local businesses, including Bigmouth Donuts, Bruegger's Bagels, Cleveland Bagel Company, Sainato's Pizza, and Sugar Bomb Confections, caught wind of the project and chipped in to stock breakfast, pizza or sweet treat items that the students could sell at their table to raise additional money. Within the first two days, Mrs. O'Donnell's students exceeded their ambitious fundraising goal of \$1,000.

What started as a writing unit to foster each student's individual learning journey, brought our multi-generational community of lifelong learners together to show how acts of kindness and acts of service can leave a lasting impact.

#### About Near West Intergenerational School

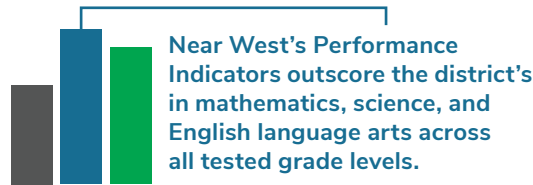
In 2011, a group of parents seeking a high-quality public school for their children brought this award-winning educational model to Ohio City. Today, Near West is a top performing school whose students are excelling in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

Near West is part of an award-winning network of public charter schools in Cleveland that help children learn at their own pace in a diverse and supportive community environment. Our schools have small, multi-age classes that allow children to learn and teach alongside older adults who serve as Learning Partners.



# Boundless Learning

Near West showed significant evidence that the school exceeded student growth expectations by a larger magnitude as well as significantly exceeded the standard for closing educational gaps.



**14:1** student to teacher ratio

## Demographic Snapshot

### Our students are from:

Brooklyn	<1%
Cleveland	84%
Elyria	3%
Euclid	<1%
Fairview Park	<1%
Garfield Heights	2%
Lakewood	<1%
Maple Heights	<1%
Newburgh Heights	<1%
North Olmsted	2%
Parma	1%
Parma Heights	1%
Richmond Heights	1%
Rocky River	<1%
Seven Hills	<1%

### Our school community is:

African-American	36%
Hispanic	26%
Multiracial	17%
Non-Hispanic White	9%
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	2%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	NC
Students w/ Disabilities*	15%
Economic Disadvantage	45%
English Learner	2%
Migrant	NC
Total Enrollment	224

If enrollment is less than ten students, results are not calculated (NC)

\*Self-reported

Data Source: ODE 2022

## Finance and Governance

\*Fiscal year 2021-2022

### Income

State	\$2,679,677
Federal	795,979
Philanthropy	27,126
Other (incl. levy)	289,910
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,792,692</b>

### Expenses

Salaries	1,428,443
Benefits	339,788
Purchased Services	739,706
Supplies & Materials	186,396
Equipment	-
Depreciation	-
Other	23,031
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,714,363</b>

**Surplus \$1,078,329**

\*Unaudited financials

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