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Annual Report 2022-2023



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Dear Friends,

In 2022, we entered our sixth year as an independent network and we are now into our third decade of transforming school for Cleveland students through our intergenerational model of education.

We were thrilled when all three of our Intergenerational Schools were designated as Community Schools of Quality by the Ohio Department of Education. Our students continued to outperform their peers in neighborhood schools in many subject areas and we saw year-over-year test score improvements in several grade levels.

Despite so many of the challenges we still face as public schools in the wake of a global pandemic, and in the current teacher shortage, we have worked to ensure that our students continue to have enriching and inspiring experiences both in and outside of the classroom.

Our schools visited area senior centers and participated in a dialogue on sustainability with the Bioregional Activators Network, at Case Western Reserve University. We celebrated intergenerational family Math Nights, showcased our students' incredible artwork exhibited at the Akron Art Museum, and brought the community together for "Boundless," our first major fundraiser.

Our small but mighty network of schools continues to thrive, cultivating a love of learning, fostering intergenerational experiences, and challenging students to think critically and contribute meaningfully to their families and communities.

Sincerely,



Brooke King
Executive Director
Intergenerational Schools

We are excited to share that Brooke King, our Intergenerational Schools Executive Director, was named a Notable Leader in Education by [Crain's Cleveland Business](#).

"Brooke is an absolutely remarkable leader in the world of education," wrote Kelly Lytle, chair of the schools' fundraising arm, Friends of the Intergenerational Schools (FIGS). "She steps up and brings the intergenerational education model to our Cleveland Community."

Congratulations to Brooke!



About Us

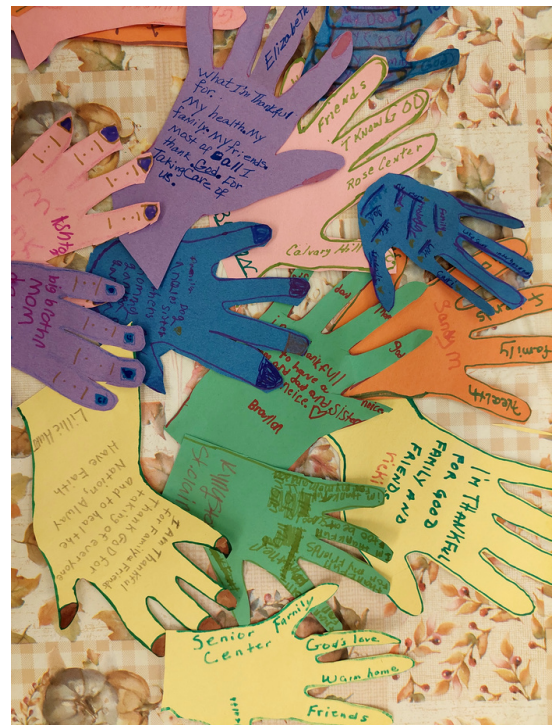
The Intergenerational Schools are an award-winning **network of K-8 public charter schools** in Cleveland where children learn developmentally (at their own pace) based on mastery, and in a diverse and supportive community environment.

Our schools have **small, multi-age/multi-grade classes** that allow children to receive an individualized education based on what each child needs next in their learning. In this setting, students have the opportunity to be both a teacher and a learner.

Older adults from the community serve as **Learning Partners**, who help students develop a love of reading and learning. They share stories and experiences together, play math games, and forge **positive intergenerational relationships** together. Each class also 'adopts' the residents at area senior facilities. They visit and partake in mutual learning activities. These experiences help develop valuable social emotional skills and help to enforce the learning in the classroom.

The Intergens are nonprofit, public charter schools, which means any student can attend for free, there is no selection process, and the schools provide Special Education and other student services required by law. Our performance is measured alongside traditional district schools through the same state tests, but the charter model allows us the flexibility to innovate.

Since 2000, we have been challenging the status quo in elementary education, and our approach has been recognized in Cleveland and internationally. Our students go on to high quality public and private high schools with the skills they need to succeed and thrive in school and beyond.



Our award-winning and nationally recognized model is 100% focused on fostering student achievement and growth in a multi-generational environment.

Our Mission and Vision

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

The 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 learning partners to excel both individually and together in one equitable community. As innovative and progressive educators, we are catalysts and collaborators in improving public education. As innovative and progressive educators, we are catalysts and collaborators in improving public education.

We do more with less.

The Intergenerational Schools receive less in per-student state funding than neighboring schools that are part of the local school district. Small classes and less in per-student funding means the schools must run a lean operation and look to the community to help support programs like the Learning Partners and Intergenerational visits that benefit both students and seniors.

Your support provides these valuable experiences.

Friends of the Intergenerational Schools is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization positioned to raise funds on behalf of the Intergenerational Schools to close this funding gap. Help us transform public school education by making your gift to the Annual Fund at igschools.org/donate.



Community Schools of Quality

We are proud to say all three of our schools were designated as Community Schools of Quality by the Ohio Department of Education in 2022-2023.

The schools received higher performance index scores (measuring overall student achievement) than the local district on the two most recent report cards. In addition, the schools achieved 4-star value-added ratings (measuring student growth as being more than one full year in a year's time). These two measures, along with being sponsored, or accredited, by a high quality sponsor, qualified them for this distinction.

Receiving this award as we collectively recover from the pandemic is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff, families, and volunteers in support of our students.



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OF QUALITY**

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Near West

Intergenerational School

2022-2023

In 2011, a group of parents seeking a high-quality public school for their children helped bring this award-winning educational model to Ohio City. Today, Near West Intergenerational School 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/multi-grade classes that allow children to learn and teach alongside each other and older adults who serve as Learning Partners.

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Near West Intergenerational School

Finance and Governance

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Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Income

State \$1,911,653

Federal \$1,264,150

Tax Distribution \$304,348

Philanthropy \$15,759

Other \$597,921

Total Income \$4,093,871

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits \$1,801,153

Purchased Services \$778,938

Supplies & Materials \$140,551

Other (incl. Depreciation) \$17,390

Total Expenses \$2,738,032

Surplus \$1,355,839

FYE June 30, 2022 Unaudited Financials (Board Report)



Near West Intergenerational School

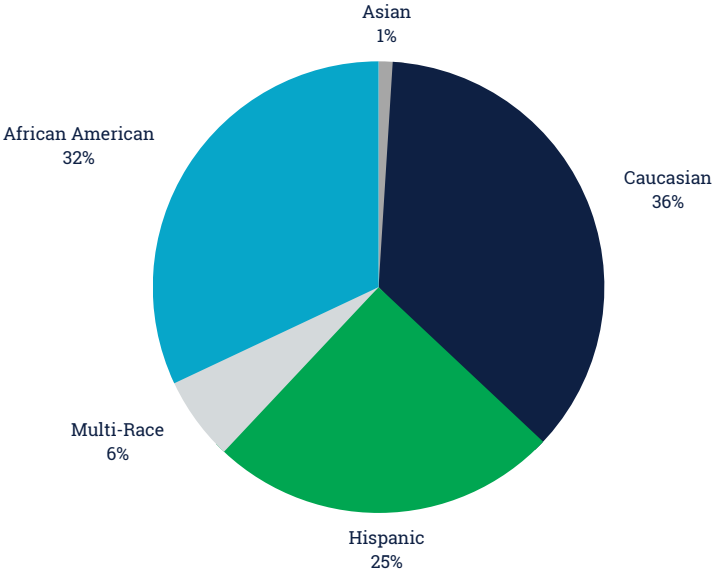
Sponsor Statement:

Near West Intergenerational School is proudly sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. For more information please visit

www.clevelandmetroschools.org/Page/13633

Near West Intergenerational School

Demographic Snapshot NWIS Students, 2022-2023



Our Students Are From:

Brooklyn	>1%
Cleveland	85%
Cleveland Heights	1%
Elyria	1%
Euclid	>1%
Fairview Park	1%
Garfield Heights	1%
Maple Heights	>1%
Newburgh Heights	>1%
North Olmsted	2%
Oberlin	>1%
Parma	>1%
Parma Heights	2%
Richmond Heights	1%
Seven Hills	>1%

- NWIS exceeded expectations in closing learning gaps school-wide in state assessments.
- Near West students outperformed their district peers in 14 of 14 tested subjects.
- Near West improved in 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Math scores from 2022; and 4th, 6th, and 7th grade English Language Arts scores, meeting or exceeding growth expectations across multiple test areas.

NWIS Total Enrollment: 213



Average Class Size: 16

NWIS outperformed the 10 nearest district and charter schools on the state's achievement rating.



Near West Intergenerational School

Connecting to Families, the Community, and the Real World

Near West students and families participated in a Celebration of Learning last spring. The event included an art show that displayed notable student-produced pieces. Additionally, families enjoyed musical performances and yoga for all ages. This is just one way that shows how much Principal, April Maimone, is dedicated to building strong partnerships with families and welcoming them into the school.



Near West Intergenerational School hosted Joe Brewer from Bioregional Activators Network at the Barichara River Watershed in Colombia, South America, to discuss local environmental issues and what students can do to make a difference in their communities.

Applying Stage (7th and 8th grade) students traveled by bus to Case Western Reserve University for a forum on sustainability with thought leaders in the field. Connecting to experts in the field, Near West students were introduced to bioregionalism and what it means to best leverage the natural resources in Northeast Ohio for a sustainable future.



Friends of the Intergenerational Schools

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Boundless Learning

In 2022, the Friends of the Intergenerational Schools (FIGS) held our inaugural biennial gala, **Boundless**, at the Tudor Arms Hotel. With over 150 attendees and bringing in \$34,347, it was much more than just a great party. Our community came together to celebrate our students, even purchasing some of their artwork. We are planning another celebration in 2024, and we hope to see you there!



Looking Forward

Parents as Spirited Citizens

Our schools have been a remarkable solution for many families, providing a nurturing and enriching educational environment for their children. Parents from the Intergenerational Schools visited Columbus in May, for the opportunity to advocate and share personal stories and experiences with state lawmakers, showcasing the benefits the schools for their families. Together, we are making a difference and ensure that the voices of our community are heard.



Lifelong Learners

When older and younger generations work together, they gain skills, values, and knowledge...exchanging ideas, building friendships, and sharing a love of learning. These special relationships, extend education beyond the classroom by providing students with another opportunity to practice literacy and math skills.

Together, we're building a community that reaches far beyond our school walls and children's elementary years. With our Learning Partners and Volunteers, our community deepens and everyone benefits. Learn more about becoming a volunteer at igschools.org/volunteer.

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