

### Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the Noble Network of Charter Schools' 2012 Annual Report. As Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, we recognize that through the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers, we have maintained our position as the highest performing open enrollment public high schools in Chicago.

In the 2011-2012 school year, Noble served more than 6,300 students across our ten campuses. Chicago's families continue to demand a Noble education because of the safe, supportive, and high quality public education that we provide for students. We had over 7,000 applications for 2,800 seats for 2011-2012 including the freshman enrollment at our two new campuses, DRW Trading College Prep and Noble Auburn Gresham College Prep, driving our need to further expand.

Our alumni network continues to grow as over 800 seniors graduated from seven Noble campuses last spring. Eighty-three percent of these graduates are first-generation college students. Even more exciting, ninety percent of our graduates matriculated to a variety of postsecondary institutions and were offered millions of dollars in scholarships that will help make college a reality for our alumni. We brought on a new Chief College Officer to strengthen our program and help ensure that Noble's alumni graduate from college.

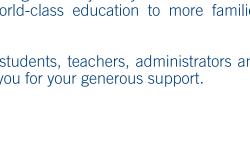
We are in the midst of an expansion that will open ten new public high school campuses over the next five years. When fully enrolled, Noble will serve over 16,000 high school students, equivalent to fifteen percent of the CPS high school population. Noble launched a \$30 million capital campaign, 'The Noble Difference' at the beginning of FY12 to support our expansion. We are pleased to report that we are close to achieving our goal after just a year and a half and are well on our way to providing a world-class education to more families throughout Chicago.

On behalf of the entire Noble family of students, teachers, administrators and board members, we would like to thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,









ALLAN MUCHIN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



MICHAEL MILKIE SUPERINTENDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**MICHAEL MILKIE** 



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

- For the fourth year in a row, all Noble campuses with junior classes rank in the top ten of non-selective public high schools in Chicago. This year, Noble campuses were nine of the top ten high schools.
- Johnson College Prep students visited the White House and received an Oval Office tour from President Barack Obama in October 2011.
- Students from Gary Comer College Prep performed for First Lady Michelle Obama during the NATO Summit in Chicago in May 2012.

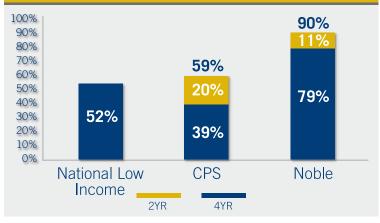
## **CONSISTENTLY HIGH PERFORMANCE:**

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3. Noble - Rauner College Prep	21.0	
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6. Noble - Golder College Prep	20.1	
7. Noble - Noble Street College Prep	20.0	
8. Noble - Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy	19.7	
9. CICS Northtown	19.6	
10. Noble - Gary Comer College Prep	19.3	
10. Kenwood Academy High School	19.3	
10. Chicago Academy High School	19.3	

### **COLLEGE MATRICULATION:**

A significantly higher percentage of Noble students are matriculating to college.



- Noble's 2012 graduates were awarded \$114 million in scholarships and 100 percent were accepted to college. Ninety percent enrolled in college and 83 percent are first generation college students.
- Noble has more than 2,200 alumni, including 800 graduates from the Class of 2012. Our graduates attend 150 colleges across the nation including Yale, Cornell, Dartmouth, Columbia and Howard University.





- Founded in 2009
- Served 700 students
- 90% low-income
- 100% minority
- Neighborhood: Near West Side

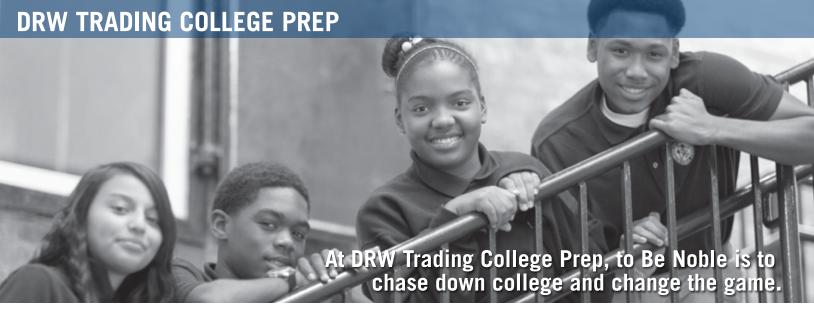
In the campus' third year, Chicago Bulls College Prep achieved many milestones. The campus sent its largest group of rising juniors to Summer of a Lifetime programs across the nation. A total of 39 students spent one to eight weeks on college campuses and took courses taught by college professors at schools such as Brown University, the Illinois Institute of Technology, Colgate University and the University of Maryland. Juniors took the ACT for the first time and their hard work resulted in a rank of fourth based on ACT results among Chicago's highest performing open enrollment high schools. The Class of 2013 achieved 6.4 points of academic growth over three years, an incredible accomplishment that far surpassed the growth of almost all schools serving a similar population city-wide.

# **Chicago Bulls College Prep offers**



over 50 different extracurricular activities and sports.







- Founded in 2012
- 94% low-income
- 100% minority
- Neighborhood: North Lawndale

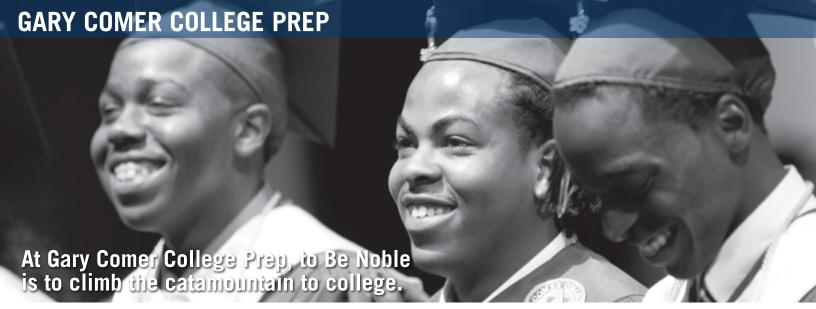
DRW Trading College Prep is one of two new campuses opened in August 2012 as a part of Noble's expansion to twenty schools. The campus is located in the North Lawndale community and will serve more than 200 ninth grade students during the 2012-2013 school year. The campus is named for DRW Trading Group, a principal trading organization founded in 1992 by Donald R. Wilson, who are committed to a strong partnership to support the campus' work. Over the 2012-2013 school year, DRW Trading College Prep will integrate technology-based blended learning into their curriculum, allowing teachers to further differentiate instruction for students who enter ninth grade with varying skill levels.

# **DRW Trading College Prep's students**



come from 31 Chicago communities.







- Founded in 2008
- Served 600 students
- 91% low-income
- 100% minority
- Neighborhood: Greater Grand Crossing

Gary Comer College Prep was fully enrolled this year and seniors were well prepared to "Climb the Catamountain to College." As the first class graduated in June of 2012, one hundred percent had been accepted to four-year colleges and collectively were awarded almost \$4 million in college scholarships. Graduates are attending 49 schools, including Dartmouth, Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. GCCP students are very active and take advantage of the many opportunities their campus has to offer including South Shore Drill Team, Young Entrepreneurs Club, CataSteppers Step Team, National Honors Society and Academic Bowl. Students also took part in various performances for First Lady Michelle Obama when she visited the Gary Comer Youth Center in May with the spouses of foreign heads of state for the NATO Summit.

Gary Comer students visited 149 colleges in 2011-2012,



from California and New Hampshire, and many states in between.







- Founded in 2011
- Served 65 students
- 87% low-income
- 100% minority
- Neighborhood: Greater Grand Crossing

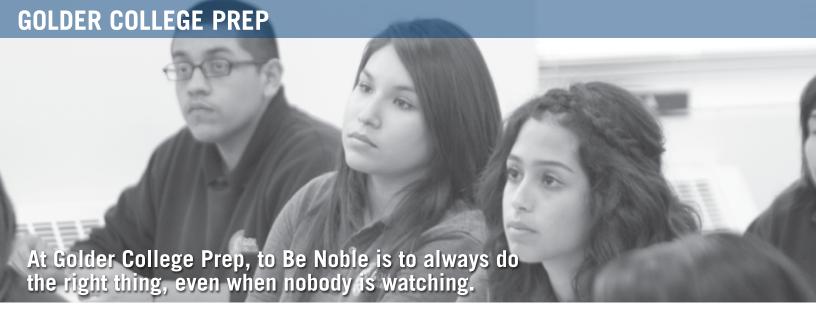
Gary Comer College Prep Middle School opened in August 2011 in the Gary Comer Youth Center with the support of the Comer Science and Education Foundation. The new middle school served 65 scholars in its first year and will grow to serve over 200 students in sixth through eighth grades. Scholars benefit from a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and many opportunities through the Youth Center including African drumming, taekwondo, urban agriculture and dance. At GCMS, it is never too early for scholars to become college-focused. Over the past year and half, they visited ten colleges and five GCMS scholars attended college enrichment programs at Northwestern University, Kent State University, Duke University and Brown University over their summer break.

# **GCMS** scholars have spent



on college campuses.







- Founded in 2006
- Served 500 students
- 87% low-income
- 96% minority
- Neighborhood: West Town

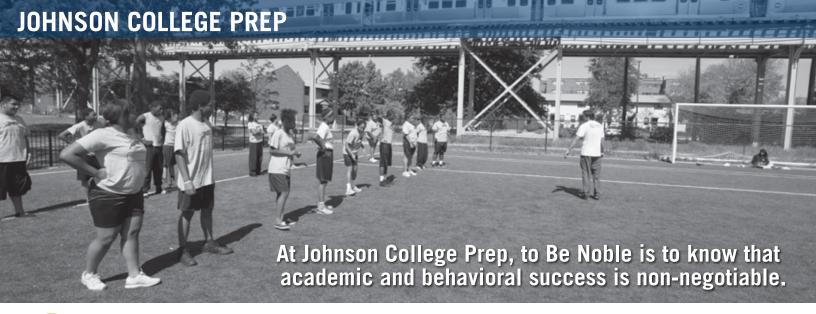
In the campus' fifth year, Golder College Prep continued to reinforce the importance of a college education through college visits for their student advisories. Students went on 30 advisory trips, ranging from day trips in the city to weekend and overnight stays, including long-distance visits to Harvard and Boston University. These visits gave students a chance to tour the campus, meet with alumni who attend the school and experience the college atmosphere. Golder's students also gave back 9,492 hours to their communities through service opportunities during the 2011-2012 school year. Students volunteered at organizations such as the Barretto Boys and Girls Club, the Chicago Public Library, and the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

# **Golder College Prep has the** only high school badminton team



in the City of Chicago.







- Founded in 2010
- Served 400 students
- 92% low-income
- 100% minority
- Neighborhood: Englewood

Johnson College Prep had a successful second year, full of unique opportunities for the campus' scholars. A small group of founding staff and students traveled to Washington D.C. to visit the White House and were treated to a personal tour of the Oval Office by President Barack Obama. The campus hosted their second annual "Success Looks Like Me" Career Day that was attended by 25 prominent African American presenters from a variety of careers. The campus launched its Marine Corps Junior ROTC program and JCP scholars visited Howard University, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan and numerous additional colleges and universities.

In a single day, every Johnson College Prep student participated in the campus' largest college trip, visiting 16 campuses across four states (Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin).



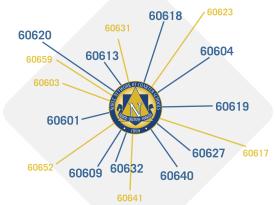




- Founded in 2009
- Served 700 students
- 85% low-income
- 97% minority
- Neighborhood: Loop

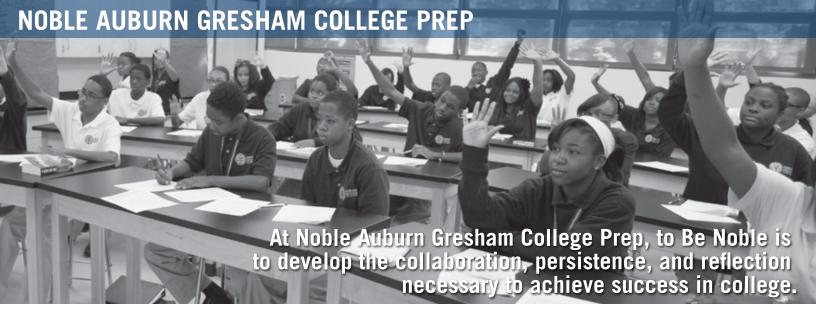
In its third year, Muchin College Prep's students set high benchmarks for achievement. The junior class achieved impressive scores on their first official ACT exam to rank within the top ten highest performing open enrollment high schools in Chicago based on ACT results. The MCP student body has provided more than 29,700 hours of service to the community in the three years since the campus opened. Students also benefited this year from opportunities with Baxter Healthcare, a campus partner. More than 120 students visited Baxter's headquarters in Deerfield where they participated in a career analysis program, met with Baxter leadership, and had lunch with employees. Advanced placement students toured the Baxter laboratories later in the year and learned about their products and services and career opportunities. Additionally, Baxter employees have participated in a lab dissection and a titration experiment at the campus.

# Muchin's unique location draws



students from 56 zip codes.







- Founded in 2012
- 88% low-income
- 100% minority
- Neighborhood: Auburn Gresham

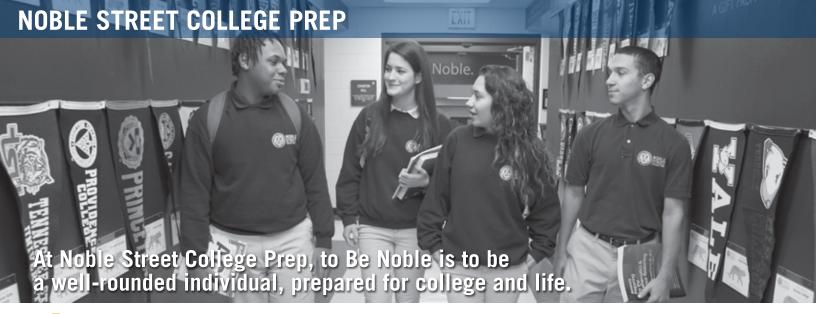
Noble Auburn Gresham College Prep is one of two new Noble campuses opened in August 2012. The campus is located in the Auburn Gresham community on Chicago's south side and will serve its inaugural class of 250 freshmen students during the 2012-2013 school year. It is a candidate school for the Diploma Programme and is pursuing authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School. It is Noble's southernmost campus and will host the network's first IB program. Over the 2012-2013 school year, Noble Auburn Gresham College Prep will provide rigorous, college preparatory curricula that enables students from under resourced communities to graduate from our nation's top ranked universities and colleges, and thereby strengthen the communities from which they come.

# Fifty percent of NAGCP students



Gresham community.







- Founded in 1999
- Served 600 students
- 92% low-income
- 98% minority
- Neighborhood: West Town

In its thirteenth year, Noble Street College Prep continued to provide a joyful, academically rigorous, and enriching high school experience for its students. Students participated in dance, performance writing, community service and a variety of athletics. Noble Street's poetry slam team participated in the Louder Than A Bomb teen poetry festival and advanced to the finalist round. Noble's original campus continued to acheive impressive collegiate outcomes. The Class of 2012 was awarded over \$26 million in college scholarships and 82 percent are first generation college students. And, Noble's Class of 2012 had more than 85 percent student retention over four years. Finally, for the second year in a row, Noble Street's valedictorian attended Yale University. Visit our website to meet Noble Street's valedictorian, Adriana, and to hear her amazing story in her own words.

# Noble Street students logged over



19,400 hours of community service.







- Founded in 2006
- Served 730 students
- 96% low-income
- 99% minority
- Neighborhood: Hermosa

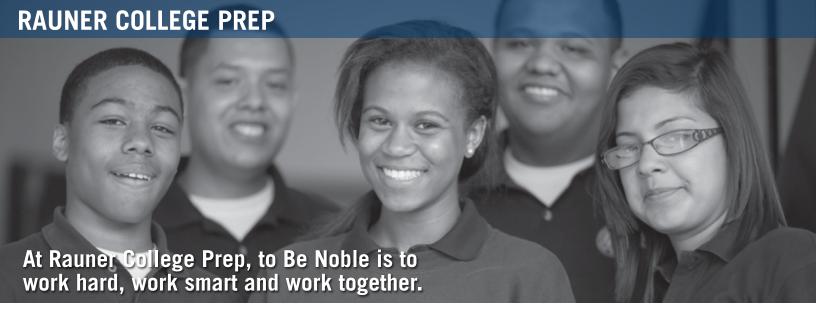
In its sixth year of operation, Pritzker College Prep continues to lead the network in academic performance and collegiate excellence for its graduates. Over the school year, the campus developed partnerships that provided increased enrichment opportunities for their students. Their work with the Exeter Academy led to summer school sessions in math and English for students using the Harkness Method of collaborative, discussion-based learning. The campus also established a partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison's renowned Russian Flagship Center. Over the summer, twelve rising seniors spent five weeks at UW Madison studying the works of Alexander Pushkin and the Russian language. These students hope to travel to Russia after graduation as a capstone to their studies.

# In 2012, the average Pritzker graduate was accepted



to at least seven colleges.







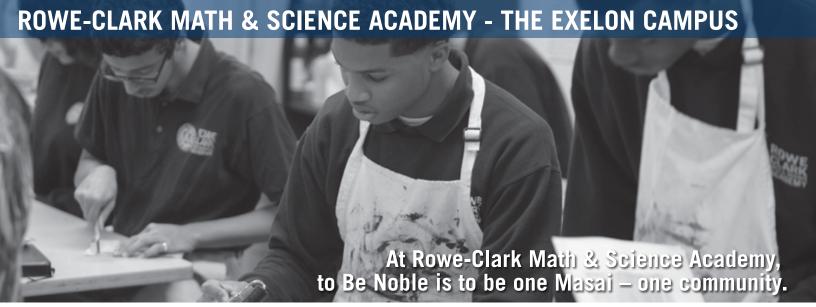
- Founded in 2006
- Served 600 students
- 86% low-income
- 98% minority
- Neighborhood: West Town

Rauner College Prep had an active sixth year of operation. In October, Rauner hosted the first annual "I AM SHERO" Summit. Founded by Rauner's Ninth Grade Civics teacher Ms. Reid, the Summit provided workshops and speakers on a variety of themes for 175 young women. Rauner's jazz band made its annual trip to Boston and competed in the Berklee High School Jazz Festival. The jazz band placed twelfth in their division, which is a remarkable accomplishment considering that the average band member only has two years of experience playing an instrument. Over spring break, the junior class traveled to Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City where they visited numerous colleges and historical sites such as the White House, Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty, and the September 11th Memorial. The trip exposed students to many elements of their nation's history including cultures and environments different from their own.



Sixty percent of Rauner students participated in band.







- Founded in 2007
- Served 560 students
- 94% low-income
- 99% minority
- Neighborhood: West Humboldt Park

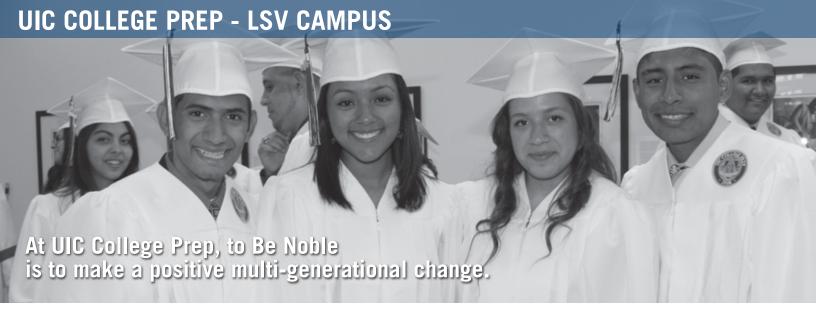
The 2011-2012 school year was very exciting for Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy. The campus celebrated the grand opening of the new Exelon Gymnasium, which offers a safe, IHSA regulation gymnasium and assembly space. Whether for ROTC drill practice, athletics, town halls or pick-up basketball games, the students make constant use of their beautiful gym. With a grant from Exelon and lots of hard work, the Robotics Team culminated their year by placing third at the state competition. Over the summer, a small group of students traveled to Israel to participate in a month-long archeological dig hosted by the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute. Students spent their mornings on the dig site and analyzed data and completed college-focused coursework in the afternoons. Their experience will culminate with trip to Jerusalem upon graduation.

# **Robotics students logged 738 hours**



of designing and building this year, which averages to over 50 hours per student.







- Founded in 2008
- Served 770 students
- 83% low-income
- 97% minority
- Neighborhood: Lower West Side

UIC College Prep, the LSV Campus of Noble, was fully enrolled during the 2011-2012 school year. In their second year taking the ACT, UIC College Prep ranked number one among Chicago's open enrollment high schools. They continued to maintain a high standard of academic excellence as the first class of seniors prepared for life after high school graduation. Among graduating seniors, 100 percent were accepted to four-year colleges and 68 percent were first generation college students. Our UIC College Prep graduates were collectively awarded \$14.4 million in college scholarships and matriculated to colleges such as Cornell, Howard, Northwestern University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, among others.

Last year, 100 percent of graduates were accepted into four-year colleges



and 33 percent into highly competitive colleges.



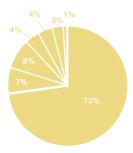
# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### **Consolidated Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended 6/30/12

#### **REVENUES**

REVENUES  State and Local Revenues Federal Revenues Campus Revenues Private Fundraising & Grants Other Revenues	\$64,931,460 5,775,174 3,151,872 7,531,478 1,983,847
TOTAL REVENUES	83,373,831
EXPENSES  Program Services     Direct Student Expenses     Personnel Expenses     Office Administration Expenses     Occupancy Expenses     Depreciation     Interest     Other Costs	13,917,520 41,842,499 1,270,639 8,033,312 1,681,938 1,410,572 917,516
Total Program Services	69,073,996
Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising Total Supporting Services	6,431,449 926,433 7,357,882
TOTAL EXPENSES	76,431,878
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS NET ASSETS, beginning of year NET ASSETS, end of year	<b>6,941,953</b> 28,001,889 <b>\$ 34,943,842</b>

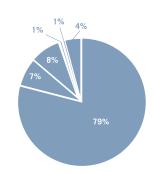


## **FY12 Funding Sources**

State and Local Revenues	73%
Private Fundraising & Grants	8%
Federal Revenues	7%
Campus Revenues	4%
Other Revenues	4%
New Debt	3%
Reserves	1%

## **FY12 Funding Uses**

Program Services	79%
Supporting Services	8%
Capital Expenditures	7%
Investments	4%
Debt Principal Repayment	1%
Other	1%



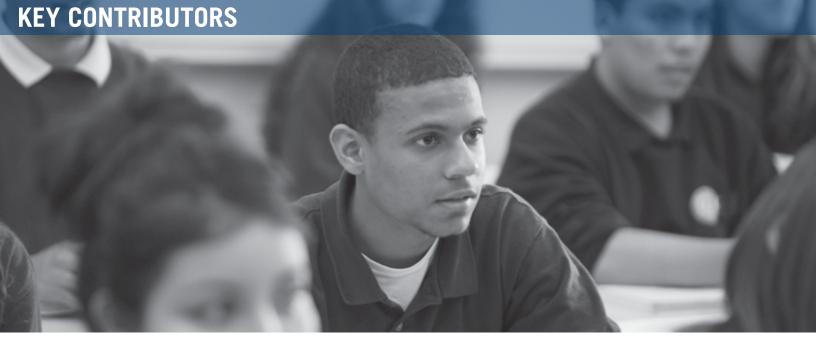
#### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position At 6/30/12

#### **ASSETS**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$89,610,140
Total Net Assets	34,943,842
Net Assets     Unrestricted Net Assets     Board-Designated (Unrestricted) Net Assets     Temp Restricted Net Assets	20,927,553 8,000,000 6,016,289
Total Long-Term Liabilities	47,333,836
Long-Term Liabilities Bonds & Notes Payable, Net of Current Portion Deferred Lease Incentive Deferred Rent	42,557,634 3,118,382 1,657,820
Total Current Liabilities	7,332,462
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities Bonds and Notes Payable, Current Portion Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,240,821 2,618,787 986,398 2,486,456
TOTAL ASSETS	\$89,610,140
Total Long-Term Assets	64,719,198
Long-Term Assets Pledges Receivable Property and Equipment, Net Cash - Restricted Investments - Restricted Bond Issuance Costs Other Long-Term Assets Leverage Loan Note Receivable - NTMC	2,170,626 46,039,253 4,393,256 1,357,170 2,030,275 473,466 8,255,152
Total Current Assets	24,890,942
ASSETS  Current Assets Cash Investments Accounts Receivable Pledges Receivable - Current Position Other Current Assets Cash - Restricted	\$13,161,747 3,506,094 3,963,574 1,843,100 1,478,881 937,546

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92 cents of every dollar donated goes to educating students and building schools.



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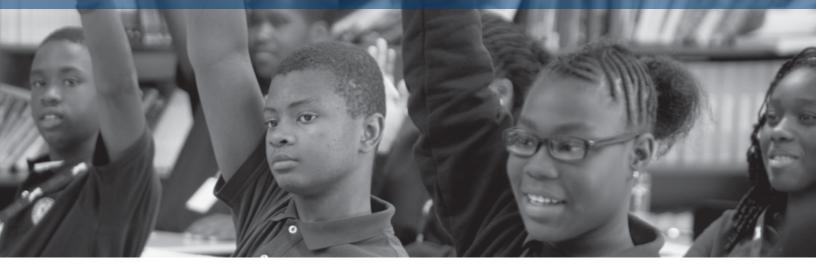
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