



Bluebird
EDUCATION NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on another year at Bluebird Education Network, I am reminded of the incredible growth, resilience, and joy that define our school communities. This past year was filled with achievements—both big and small—that speak to the power of whole-child education and the unwavering commitment of our staff, families, and supporters.

We are proud to share that our students continue to make meaningful academic gains. Our first cohort of kindergarteners at Clay Hill engaged in state testing for the first time this year as 3rd graders. They achieved 47% proficiency in both English/Language Arts and Math! The 8th grade science scores at PPPCS were similarly exciting—students outscored both the city and the state in every category, including Earth Science (54% vs. the state's 35%) and Sense-Making Practices (51% vs. 37%). These outstanding scores are a testament to the high-quality instruction happening day after day, year after year in our classrooms.

Learning also extended far beyond our school walls last year. PPPCS 7th and 8th grade students had the life-changing opportunity to travel abroad to Peru during spring break. They explored the streets of Lima, visited the ancient city of Cusco, stood in awe at Machu Picchu, and experienced the traditions of Lake Titicaca's floating islands. Clay Hill also sent their first cohort of middle school students to North Bay for a week of team building and environmental education. These immersive learning experiences are a powerful reminder of what's possible when curiosity meets opportunity—and we are deeply proud of our students for representing our school with such pride and enthusiasm.

This annual report highlights just a fraction of the stories that make our schools so special. Each success is made possible by the collective efforts of our staff, families, board, volunteers, and supporters like you. Thank you for walking alongside us and believing in our mission. Together, we are shaping the future—one student at a time.

As we look ahead to this year, we are preparing to celebrate important milestones – Clay Hill will celebrate 5 years and PPPCS will celebrate 20 years. We hope you will join us for some of the events we have planned this year to celebrate one mission, many milestones!

With heartfelt gratitude,



Jane Lindenfesler
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Executive Director

Our Cultural Framework

Vision

Life-Long Learners, Healthy Families, and Strong Neighborhoods

Mission

To be a place where children thrive as members of a vibrant and inclusive learning community with families, caregivers, staff, and neighbors engaged in a practice of whole child education. By teaching and learning from one another, we embrace unique identities and cultivate an atmosphere of love.



CLAY HILL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

335

Students

50%

Multilingual Learners

16%

Students with Disabilities

K-6

Grades

94%

Attendance Rate

55%

Title I Eligibility

75%

Hispanic

17%

Black

5%

White

3%

Other

Last year, our students made **remarkable academic gains, demonstrating growth in every grade level.** Through small class sizes, dedicated teachers, and a supportive community, we saw increased proficiency in core subjects and a stronger commitment to lifelong learning.

47%

of 3rd graders achieved proficiency in both reading and math on the 2025 MCAP.

12% of multilingual learners exited ELD services, **65%** met or exceeded their annual growth targets, and **98%** demonstrated growth in English language proficiency



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CHPCS

As Community Schools, PPPCS and CHPCS build a vibrant network of partnerships with local resources to enhance student achievement and foster community well-being. Our holistic approach integrates academics, enrichment programs, health and social services, youth and community development, recreational activities, employment opportunities, adult education, and family engagement. This comprehensive support system drives student success, empowers families, and nurtures healthy, resilient communities.

WELLNESS

283	Volunteer Engagement Hours
300	Students received hearing and vision screenings
16,500	pounds of food distributed
107	Students served by wholeness team
14	Students received clinical services
95	Students served by mobile dentist
\$1,100	Worth of uniform assistance for students
15	Coats and cold weather gear distributed

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

200	Students participated in out of school programming
100	Students participated in summer programming

ENGAGEMENT

34	Families served in holiday giving
30	Partnerships
25	Family Events



PATTERSON PARK PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

730

Students

25%

Multilingual Learners

15%

Students with Disabilities

PreK-8

Grades

94%

Attendance Rate

56%

Title I Eligibility

43%

Black

42%

Hispanic

12%

White

3%

Other

Last year, our students made **remarkable academic gains, demonstrating growth in every grade level.** Through small class sizes, dedicated teachers, and a supportive community, we saw increased proficiency in core subjects and a stronger commitment to lifelong learning.

54%

of our 7th graders scored proficient in ELA, outperforming both Baltimore City Public Schools and the Maryland state average.

43%

of our 3rd graders scored proficient in math; nearly double the district average and on par with the state average.



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PPPCS

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WELLNESS

90%	of Wholeness Referrals received services
97	Students served by Wholeness Committee
270	Students received free eye exams and glasses
87	Students received on-site dental care
25	Coats and Cold weather gear distributed
25	Students received clinical mental health services
270	Students received hearing screenings

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

177	Clubs
103	Students participated in Spark Academy
116	Students participated in summer camp
11	Youth workers
11	OST Partners

ENGAGEMENT

36	Partnerships
6,852	Volunteer Hours Worked
571	Individual Volunteers
42	Family Workshops & Events

Partnerships In Progress

At Bluebird Educational Network, our success is built on the foundation of strong partnerships, remarkable alumni, and outstanding academic achievements. This year, we are proud to shine a spotlight on the people and milestones that have shaped our journey.

We are deeply grateful to the generous foundations and funding partners whose support has strengthened our schools, expanded opportunities for students, and enriched our community.

Special thanks to Team 46—Senate President Bill Ferguson, Delegate Luke Clippinger, Delegate Mark Edelson, Delegate Robbyn Lewis, and Senator Cory McCray—along with the Goldseker Foundation, the Sherman Family Foundation, the Aaron & Lillie Straus Foundation, Inc., the Southeast Community Development Corporation, and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for their extraordinary contributions toward the construction of Clay Hill Public Charter School.

We are also grateful to the Maryland State Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, Family League of Baltimore, and Bloomberg Philanthropies/Boost Grant for helping us provide after-school and summer enrichment programming at both schools.

We honor the Wright Family Foundation, a longtime partner whose steadfast commitment over the years has supported early childhood education, after-school programs, attendance initiatives, and summer camp for rising kindergarteners. In addition, we are thankful to the Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds and the Macht Family Philanthropic Fund of the Associated for their support of critical programming and operational needs.

We also appreciate PNC Foundation for funding field trips that create real-world learning experiences for our youngest students, and the Blanket Fort Foundation together with the Thalheimer-Eurich Charitable Fund, Inc. for their contributions to the UMBC Math Intervention Pilot Program.

Your investment has helped us grow our capacity, renovate critical spaces, and create an environment where students can thrive. Thanks to your commitment, we are now serving more children and families with joyful, rigorous, and inclusive learning.

Partnerships In Progress

Our work would not be possible without the dedication and collaboration of our community partners. We are proud to stand alongside organizations and individuals who share our commitment to educational equity and whole-child development.

This year, we are proud to recognize the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks—specifically the **Mimi DiPietro Family Skating Center**—for their outstanding support in enriching our Physical Education curriculum. Through their partnership at Patterson Park Public Charter School, we've been able to introduce ice skating as a dynamic and engaging component of Physical Education. This opportunity not only promotes fitness and skill development, but also fosters confidence, teamwork, and joy among our students. By making ice skating accessible to all, the Skating Center has helped us create memorable experiences that go beyond the classroom. They have also generously provided space for our Organized Parent Group to gather and connect, strengthening bonds between families and the school.

We are equally grateful to the **Language Project**, whose engaging Spanish instruction at both Patterson Park and Clay Hill has brought joy and pride to our students as they learn to communicate in a new language. Hearing our students speak Spanish with confidence is a direct reflection of this meaningful partnership.

We celebrate **Volo Kids**, a valued enrichment partner in our after-school and summer programs. Their commitment to keeping students active while building teamwork and leadership skills has brought energy, excitement, and community spirit to our schools. We also highlight our summer collaboration with **Creative Alliance**, which introduced students to the art of cooking. Watching our young people explore new flavors, develop basic culinary skills, and build confidence in the kitchen was both enriching and inspiring.

Thank you to the Mimi DiPietro Family Skating Center, the Language Project, Volo Kids, and Creative Alliance, among many others, for your partnership, time, and belief in our mission. Whether through programming, services, or ongoing collaboration, your support enriches the experience of every child and family across our schools.

Together, we are building something extraordinary.



ONE MISSION MANY MILESTONES



This year is extra special for our Bluebird Education Network family! ***We are honored to celebrate 20 incredible years of Patterson Park Public Charter School and 5 years of Clay Hill Public Charter School,*** two schools, one mission, and countless milestones that have shaped our community.

Our anniversary theme, “One Mission, Many Milestones,” reminds us of the journey that has brought us here. It’s a celebration of the students who grow into lifelong learners, the families who thrive together, and the neighborhoods that are stronger because of our shared commitment to education and community.

As we reflect on the past and look forward to the future, we invite you to join us in honoring the legacy, the growth, and the vision that define the Bluebird Education Network.



2024 Financial Overview

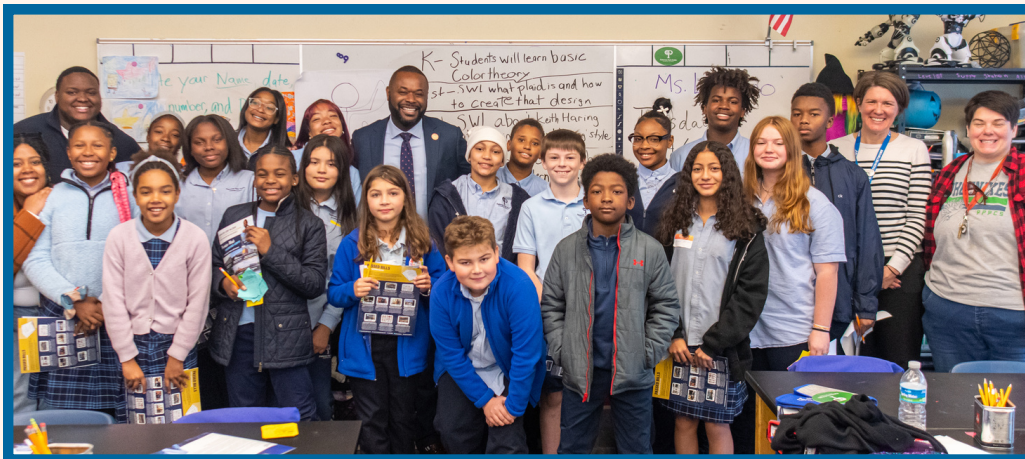
In the past fiscal year, Bluebird Education Network, Inc. has maintained a strong financial position, thanks to the continued support of our donors, grants, and careful management of resources. This overview highlights our key financial activities and outcomes for the year.

Expenses

Payroll	\$14,219,428
Contracted Services	\$947,655
Facilities	\$895,282
Other	\$293,637
Technology	\$224,456
Materials & Supplies	\$812,947

Donations

Grants - Out of School Time	\$895,261
Grants - Capital and Operating	\$471,726
Annual Giving and Special Events	\$114,918
Program Fees	\$35,733



STAY CONNECTED

WITH BLUEBIRD EDUCATION NETWORK

At Bluebird Education Network, we believe the strength of our community lies in the bonds we share and the connections we nurture. As we continue to grow and thrive, your support and involvement remain crucial to our mission of providing exceptional education to our students.

Join Our Journey

Stay updated on the latest news, events, and accomplishments by following us on social media. Your engagement helps us build a vibrant and connected community dedicated to the success of every student.



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