



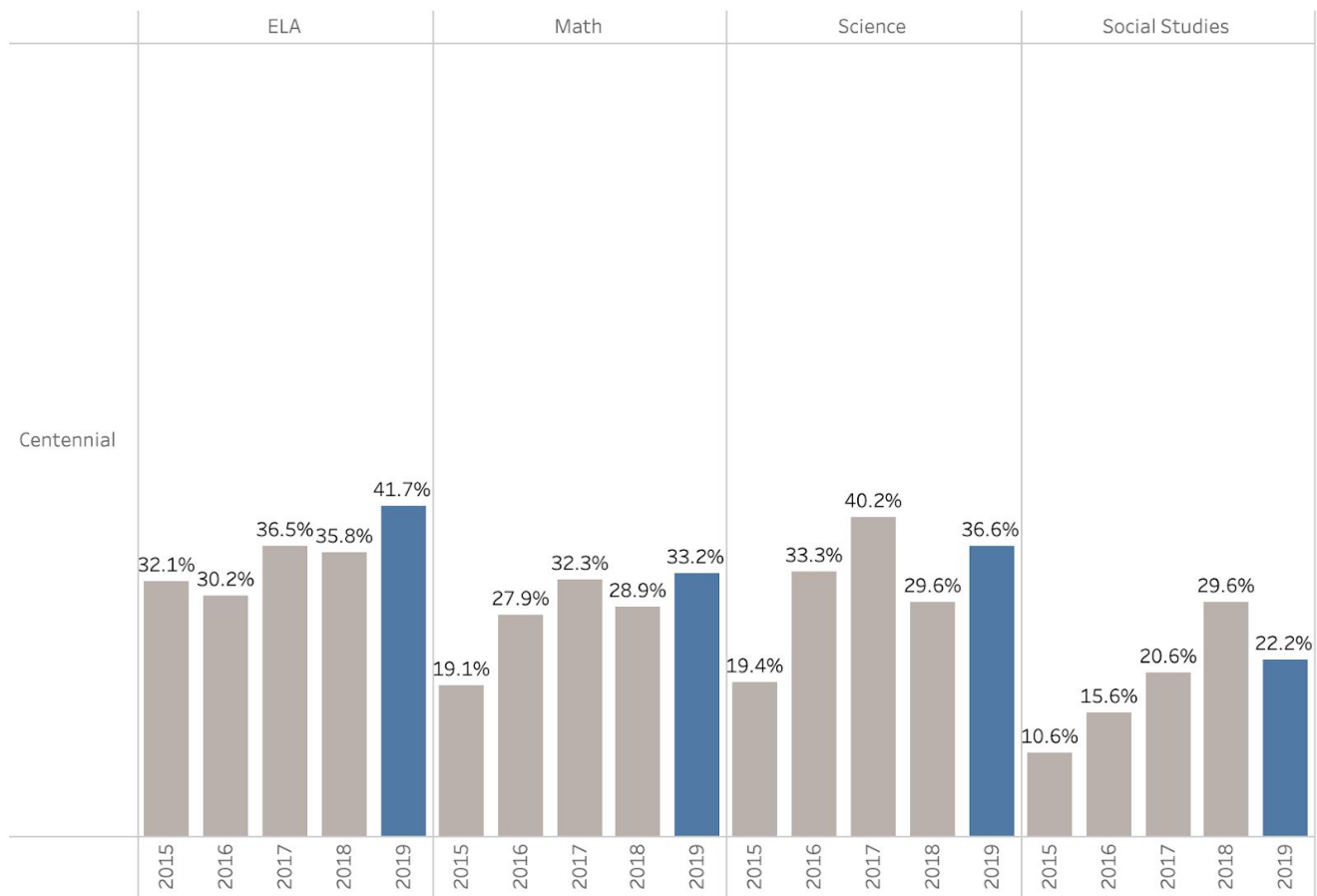
Head of School Report to the Board of Directors

January 13, 2020

Greetings Centennial Academy Board of Directors,

Happy New Year! We have officially ushered in a new decade together and despite obstacles that we may have faced as a community, we ended the year with positive recognition for another one of our accomplishments. Centennial Academy was recognized by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for [Beating the Odds](#) which means that our school performed better than expected on the College and Career Ready Performance Index when compared to schools with similar characteristics from across Georgia. Although we have received this accolade before, it was especially significant this year as 2019 Milestones scores showcased the highest overall proficiency percentages in English Language Arts and Math in Centennial Academy's history as a conversion charter school.

Year over Year Milestones Comparison for Centennial



Academics:

Our K-8 scholars are STEAMing ahead in Project-Based Learning! We had a very successful **iCurate** experience and our scholars were able to showcase their projects from first semester. The night was topped off by the Georgia Tech InVenture Challenge where our Upper Academy scholars were able to showcase their ingenious inventions as they competed for the top prize and an opportunity to advance to the next round. We are thankful for our Georgia Tech Intern, XXX, for her ongoing support of STEAM and PBL initiatives at Centennial Academy!

ArtsNow has been recognized by Learn4Life as a top strategy driving excellent schools in the city of Atlanta. Centennial is excited to partner with ArtsNow to provide arts integration professional development to a cohort of 14 K-8 teachers during the 19-20 school year. ArtsNow provides an approach to teaching in which scholars can construct and demonstrate

understanding of core content areas (math, reading, etc.) through an art form (dance, visual arts, music, etc.). Funds from the Connolly Foundation and Title II are supporting this project.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Jackson (4th Grade ELA/SS Teacher) and Ms. Gladden (Academic Coach Social Studies/Science) on being selected as presenters at the **2020 Georgia Charter School Conference!** Their presentation, "*What is Project-Based Learning (PBL)?*" will represent the great work that is happening at Centennial with STEAM and PBL projects. Kudos are also in order for Ms. Gladden as she has recently been appointed to the **2020 Georgia Department of Education STEM/ STEAM Leadership Cohort.**

Upper Academy Integrated Learning Coordinator, Mr. Brent Johnson, was awarded a **Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) \$500 grant.** These funds will allow Mr. Johnson to purchase Firia Labs Jumpstart Kits to expose 6th - 8th grade scholars to advanced coding through the Python Programming Language. We are extremely proud of our new Centennial Hero and his commitment to STEAM education at Centennial Academy!

Student Life & Leadership:

Our Assistant Principal of Student Life & Leadership, Mr. Julien Siah, is currently attending the **Leader in Me Symposium** in Orange Beach, Alabama. This training will allow Mr. Siah to share innovative ideas with like-minded administrators from across the southeast region and learn best practices for successfully implementing the 7 Habits Framework.

5th-grade scholar, Mychal Haynie, participated in this year's **Jr. Beta Convention** in Creative Writing, Black & White Photography, Color Photography, Mixed Media, Recyclable Art, Painting and Sculpture. He won four awards in the following categories:

2nd place, Sculpture

3rd place, Black & White Photography

5th place, Mixed Media

5th place, Painting

Mychal now qualifies to compete at the National Beta Competition in Fort Worth, Texas over the summer!

School Culture & Community:

Bring Your Parents to School was a huge success due to the diligent efforts of our Family Liaison, Ms. Toshia Meadows. K-8 parents were able to spend a day in their scholar's shoes and solve complex math problems, write extended narratives, and engage in physical education in the YMCA gymnasium.

We are thankful for our Centennial Academy Community and their support of our largest **Angel Tree** to date! Over 200 scholars received Christmas presents this year thanks to the generosity of our Hero Family!

T2S Enterprises extended **mental health services** for Centennial scholars free of charge for the month of December. Through fundraising efforts of T2S Enterprises, Centennial Academy, and Board Member Rewa Berry, we have been able to secure an additional \$230 to support mental health initiatives at Centennial as Title IV dollars have been exhausted. Centennial's Social Worker is currently exploring community-based organizations CHRIS 180 and Pathways that may be able to offer school-based mental health services that bill scholar's insurance and/or Medicaid coverage at a minimal cost to the school.

Human Resources:

Please welcome Centennial's **Newest Heroes** - Ms. Morgan (8th grade Social Studies Teacher), Mr. Robertson (5th grade Math/Science Teacher), and two long-term subs who will remain for the 19-20 school year, Ms. Allen (4th grade ELA/Social Studies) and Ms. Pignataro (5th grade ELA/Science).

Intent to Return Forms were issued to all staff members upon our return in January and we have received 78 at the time of this report, 2 (3%) staff members indicated they would not be returning for the 20-21 school year and 4 (5%) are currently undecided. I will be meeting with staff members this week on Thursday and Friday to discuss employment opportunities at Centennial Academy as many have expressed an interest in other opportunities. **Contracts** will be issued on February 3, 2020.

Finance & Operations:

Officer Reynolds has joined the Centennial Academy family as our new **School Resource Officer** and APS is currently interviewing to fill our vacant Crossing Guard position.

Enrollment:

Grade	Projected Enrollment	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	Transitional Scholars
Kindergarten	59	78	78	81	77	75	77	9
1st Grade	92	102	101	102	102	103	103	15
2nd Grade	95	87	88	89	89	88	89	12
3rd Grade	104	108	105	107	108	111	113	16
4th Grade	98	91	92	90	90	88	91	9
5th Grade	106	104	104	102	101	99	99	7
6th Grade	87	90	91	91	89	90	92	8
7th Grade	80	75	75	75	77	75	74	7
8th Grade	79	71	68	70	70	69	70	5
TOTAL	800	806	802	807	803	798	808	88

**The current enrollment of transitional scholars is the highest among all APS schools.*

*Centennial Academy will participate in the Atlanta Public Schools **Unified Enrollment Pilot Project** along with all district charter schools with the exception of Drew and KIPP. The lottery will be January 29th for all participating schools.*

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership!

Warmest regards,

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