



Head of School Report to the Board of Directors

April 19, 2021

Greetings Centennial Academy Board of Directors,

Fourth Quarter is officially underway and we only have five weeks of school remaining! On Wednesday, we will welcome our first cohort of scholars to the building for in-person instruction for the first time in a year. This program, Centennial's Spring Innovation Academy (SIA) will provide intensive intervention to a small group of scholars based on their identified needs and will serve as Phase 1 of our Reopening Plan. For an overview of the 3-phased approach to reopening, please view our informational slide deck [here](#).

Additionally, for your review, I have included a few of this month's updates below:

Academic Excellence: Kudos to our Assistant Principals, Ms. Hodges, Mr. Maddox, and Mr. Siah for the highly successful completion of Centennial's March Madness Intervention Program! We plan to continue the Beyond the Bell and Super Saturday initiatives for the 21-22 school year.

Further, Centennial's new Peer to Peer Tutoring Program has received rave reviews from both scholars and staff! The goal of this program is to increase vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension of 4th-grade scholars on the cusp of grade level proficiency as outlined by iReady data with the tutorial support of high performing Upper Academy Scholars. Kudos are extended to the planning team, Media Specialist Ms. Burke, Dean of Culture Ms. Hendricks, English Language Arts Academic Coach Dr. Shahid, and Early Intervention Program Lead Teacher Ms. Woods! Our Upper Academy Scholars are actively displaying the HERO habits of being helpful and engaged.

Professional Capacity:

All eligible 12-month employees received contract offers on April 1st and 94% were returned with only one staff member declining due to the necessity of meeting the requirements of her Master's Degree. To date, we only have 6 remaining vacancies: School Nurse, Kindergarten Associate Teacher, Performing Arts Teacher, Special Education Teacher, and two K-5 Teacher Positions. We are on track to be 100% fully staffed well in advance of the new fiscal year on July 1st.

As a part of our ongoing professional development sessions, last month we hosted an EL Education English Language Arts (ELA) Professional Learning Day in preparation for the adoption of the EL ELA Curriculum in grades 6th - 8th for the 21- 22 school year. Further, both instructional and operational team members were able to participate in our 3-part Grant Writing Workshop series with Federal Grant Reviewer Ms. Marlyn Paris-Lawson.

Community Partnerships: Centennial Academy will continue to cultivate family and community partnerships to ensure success for every scholar.

- We are grateful to the **Atlanta Women's Club** for donating care packages for our transitional scholars in Upper Academy this month!
- **Cristo Rey**, a Jesuit private high school located in downtown Atlanta, recently conducted a high school information session to our 8th-grade Emerging Legend Families as we strive to strengthen the Centennial to Cristo Rey Pipeline. Our Centennial Legends who are current Cristo Rey Flames continue to make us proud as Student Ambassadors, Star Athletes, and Exemplary Corporate Workers!

Current Enrollment:

Grade Level	Total/Capacity	Grade Level	Total/Capacity	Grade Level	Total/Capacity
Kindergarten	64/100	3rd Grade	79/90	6th Grade	76/85
1st Grade	74/90	4th Grade	104/90	7th Grade	72/85
2nd Grade	98/90	5th Grade	90/85	8th Grade	66/85
				All Grades	723/800 (-5)

Transitional Enrollment: 50 (-1)**Reopening Update:**

Last month, we made the final decision to continue with remote learning for the duration of the school year for our K-8 scholars. Although we will offer intensive face-to-face intervention for our most vulnerable learners, the majority of scholars will close out the year with 100% virtual instruction. This decision was well received by our community of families and staff. As of today, there are only 140 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Fulton County. This is a drop of 728 cases since we began conducting health data checks on January 18th but still positions Fulton County in the substantial spread category per CDC Guidelines. As we prepare for Centennial's Spring Innovation Academy this week and Summer Innovation Academy at the close of the school year, we will continue to implement COVID-19 mitigation strategies to ensure a return to in-person learning for all scholars in the fall. This includes a focus on staff vaccinations which the most recent survey data indicates 74% of employees will be fully vaccinated prior to the start of the 21-22 school year. This is nearly a 25% increase from the last survey administered. Additionally, we have a new partnership with Viral Solutions to conduct weekly COVID-19 testing to scholars and staff throughout the Spring and Summer Innovation Academies.

Following this report, we would like to provide a high level overview of the plan to return to campus over the coming months. Thank you in advance for your questions, comments, and feedback!

Warmest regards,

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