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A Tale of Two Grantees

*How AppleTree Institute and Hiawatha Academies are Using
CSP Funds to Make a Difference in their Communities*

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While We Wait... A Quick Icebreaker

Please introduce yourself in the chat (name and organization) and share your summer reading recommendation.



Norms for Today's Call

- Update your name to your full name and organization.
- Mute yourself when not speaking.
- Show your video to enhance dialogue and interaction.
- Be open to other opinions and courteous to your peers.



About the NCSRC

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Purpose and Agenda

To highlight the grant activities of two Replication & Expansion/CMO grantees

1. AppleTree Institute
2. Hiawatha Academies
3. Opportunity for YOU to Share
4. Pandemic Discussion
5. Upcoming Resources from NCSRC



A photograph of four young children sitting together and smiling. From left to right: a girl with braids and a blue floral bow, a boy with short dark hair, a girl with curly hair, and a girl with blonde hair. They are all wearing dark blue polo shirts. The background is a red wall and a grey brick wall.

AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter Schools

Replication & Expansion/CMO Grantee



AppleTree

Context Setting 1





Grant Goal 1

Increase the number of high-quality early-learning schools in Washington, D.C.

Grant Activities 1

Opening	Opening nine high-quality preschools in Washington, D.C. to serve economically disadvantaged children;
Supporting	Supporting all new schools to implement Every Child Ready, AppleTree's evidence-based response-to-intervention instructional model; and
Partnering	Partnering with elementary school CMOs to co-locate preschool grades Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 with subsequent grades.

Project Successes 1



Developing relationships with other CMOs that serve higher grade levels, which supports replication to new sites, offering high-quality early learning programming and providing students a seamless school experience when transitioning from preschool to kindergarten.



Supporting schools in other cities piloting *Every Child Ready*. AppleTree seeks to implement *Every Child Ready* in other cities by identifying willing operators with the right conditions to move forward.

Lessons Learned 1

Evidence-based investments in early learning implemented by quality charter operators create an opportunity to scale effective programs.

Be flexible with a focus on the end goal.

Moving Forward 1

Opening the two new schools (in Southwest DC and in the Fort Totten area of DC) as planned under the Replication Grant.

Working closely with a districtwide working group sponsored by the Deputy Mayor for Education, meeting at least twice weekly during the course of the pandemic.

At this point, it appears schools will be opening on time with a mix of in-classroom and at-home support. But these plans are subject to change as the pandemic evolves.

Questions for AppleTree Institute?



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Hiawatha Academies

Replication & Expansion/CMO Grantee



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Context Setting 2





Grant Goal 2

Scale the Hiawatha network of schools so that educationally disadvantaged students in Minneapolis have a seamless K–12 educational experience in schools that close historic achievement gaps.

Grant Activities 2

Doubling student enrollment through replication and expansion so that during the five years of the grant, Hiawatha will create 850 seats for underserved students in Minneapolis;

Opened a second middle school campus with grade 5, which year by year is expanding to include additional grades; and

Expanded an elementary school campus and the high school campus to include additional grades.

Project Successes 2



Providing a continuous K–12 educational experience to students and their families.



Supporting all its students as they apply for college. Every student in its first two graduating classes from Hiawatha's High School was accepted to college.

Lessons Learned 2



Creating an excellent program requires the right systems to support staff and sustain growth.



With continued scale, a school must determine how to intentionally grow their systems to support the educational work and the administrative management of the grant.

Moving Forward 2

Expansion of second middle school, adding 7th grade in SY 2020–21 and 8th grade in SY 2021–22, to have a fully built model

Adding additional seats to high school and supporting the growth and progress of the high school in the coming years

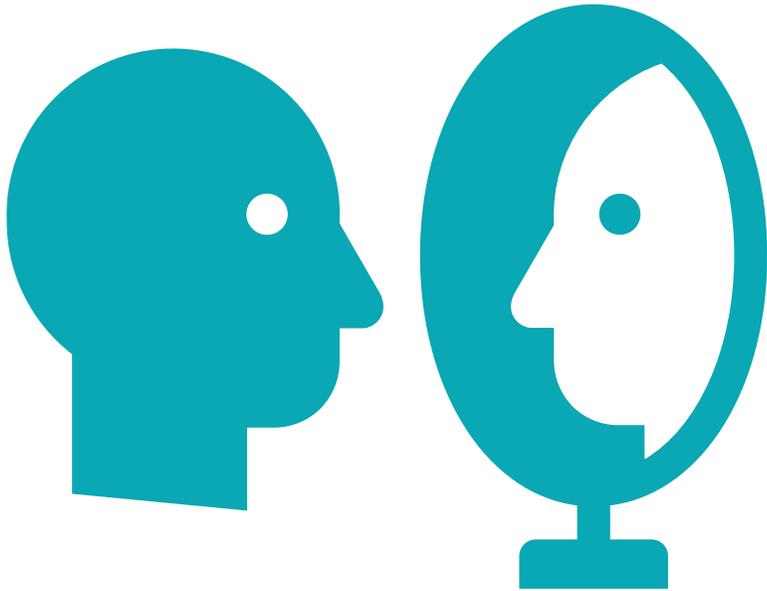
Furthering strong, clear understanding of student engagement to help anchor strong decision making in uncertain times

Questions for Hiawatha Academies?



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Pause for Reflection



In the Google Doc shared in the chat, please take a moment to reflect upon your grant activities and lessons learned.

Share your comments for your peers to view and take a moment to review the comments submitted by your peers.

Discussion: How are your schools responding to the COVID-19 pandemic?

What are you doing to prepare for school to return in the fall?

How are you supporting teachers in this new era of instruction?

How are you communicating with families and students?

Keep an Eye Out for Upcoming NCRSC Virtual Events & Resources

- EL Instruction Learning Module
- Leading in the Unknown Self-Guided Master Class
- Workshop on Indicators of Distress
- 2020 Project Directors' Meeting



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