



Camden City School District

**Annual Report** 

State Board of Education



### **District Vision**



"All Camden City School
District students will attend a
high-quality school where
they are valued, welcomed,
challenged and prepared to
positively impact their
community and the world."

## **AGENDA**

- I. NJQSAC Results and History
- II. Fiscal Updates
- III. Transportation
- IV. Facilities and Eastside High School Project Update
- V. Career & Technical Education
- VI. Instruction & Programming
- VII. Student Engagement Initiatives
- VIII. Staffing and Recruitment







## **NJQSAC** Results and History

### **NJQSAC October 2023 Interim Assessment**



87%

#### **Fiscal**

Dr. Kelvin Smith Interim School Business Administrator



75%

#### **Operations**

Dr. Dana Walker Assistant Superintendent of Schools



61%

Instruction & Programming

Christie Whitzell,
Assistant
Superintendent,
Curriculum &
Instruction



94%

#### Governance

Sam Price, General Counsel/ Acting Chief of Staff



81%\*

#### Personnel

Theresa Reese, Chief Talent Officer

\*Personnel was not reviewed as part of the interim review process. The 81% is from the last full QSAC review in July 2022.

Full Review Tentative Date: April 29, 2024

### **Progress to Date: QSAC Continuous Improvements**







## **Fiscal Updates**

#### **Audit Results - 2023**

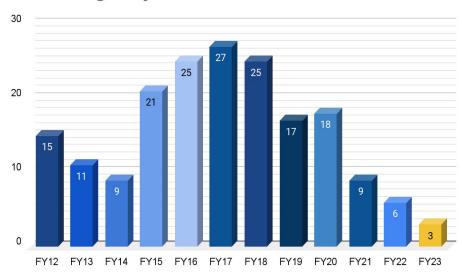
#### **FY 2022 Audit Highlights: 6 Total**

- 4 Findings from FY21 cleared
- 5 Findings from FY21 remained
- 1 new Finding in FY22

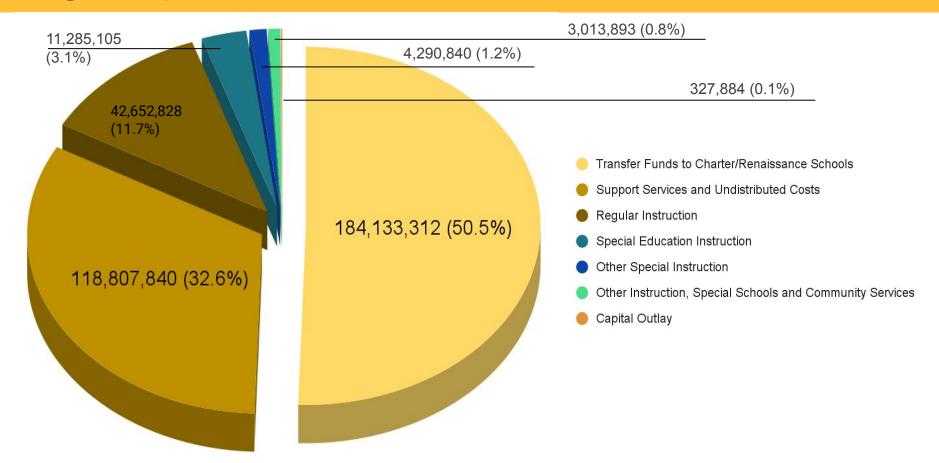
#### FY 2023 Audit Highlights: 3 Total

- 4 Findings from FY22 cleared
- 1 Finding from FY22 remained
- 2 new Findings in FY23

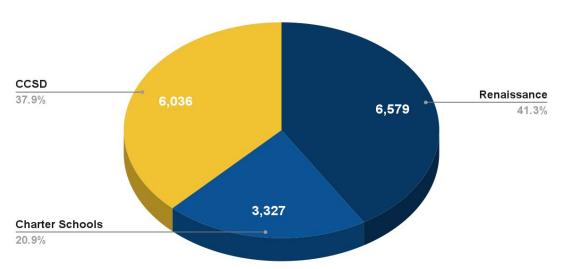
#### **Audit Finding Analysis**



### **Budget Expenditures - FY23**



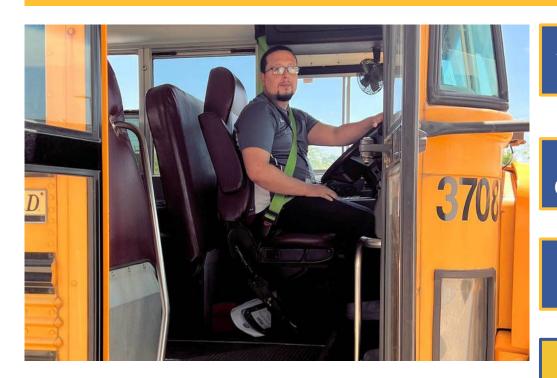
### **Enrollment and Budget Update**



#### **FY 2025 Budget Preparation**

- Impact of Renaissance & Charter School Tuition Projections on Budget
- Tuition costs are \$23 million higher than FY23 EOY & \$34 million higher than the FY24 Budget

### TRANSPORTATION for Every Eligible Student



FUN FACT: Arcilio Borrero of East Camden started as a trainee with CCSD and received his commercial driver's license through a partnership program with Camden Education Fund.

All students eligible for transportation have a seat on the bus

#### **ROUTES**

35 CCSD 20 First Student 70 Holcomb

Shuttle services available to students who reside 1.5-2 miles from school

\$4.35 million reduction in transportation costs from FY23





# Facilities and Eastside High School Project Update

### **Eastside High School New Construction Process**

## Phase 1 (2 months) Pre-Planning

- Formation of Planning Committee
- Needs Assessment
- Budgeting and Funding
- Site Selection

## Phase 2 (6-8 months) Planning

- Architectural Design
- Community Engagement
- Environmental Assessment
- Regulatory Approvals

## Phase 3 (18-24 months) Development

- Construction Bidding
- Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Construction Oversight
- Regular Updates to community on construction progress

### **Programming Priorities for the New High School**

Proposed Square Footage: 203,637	Total # of occupants: 928	Total # of staff: 178
<b>Grade Levels:</b>	# of students per grade level:	Total # of students (all grades):
9-12	150-200	750

## Program Highlights Currently in Place to be Carried Over to the New Building

- Automotive Lab (4,000 sq. ft.)
- STEM Lab (2,000 sq. ft.)
- Culinary Arts/Food Service Lab (2,400 sq. ft.)
- o Graphic Art Lab (3,000 sq. ft.)
- Science Lab (4,000 sq. ft.)
- Cosmetology Lab (2,000 sq. ft.)
- JROTC + drill space and storage (1,000 sq. ft.)

We are seeking to include an additional 28,000 sq. feet of instructional space dedicated toward CTE programs in the new building.

## New Programs and Classrooms Identified for the New Building:

- Media Center/Makerspace (4,500 sq. ft.)
- Advanced Manufacturing Lab (4,500 sq. ft)
- Video Production & Digital Media (2,000 sq. ft.)
- Computer/Technology Lab (2,400 sq. ft.)
- Performing Arts Lab (3,000 sq. ft.)
- EMT/Health Sciences (3,000 sq. ft.)
- Marine Biology (3,000 sq. ft.)
- Construction Trades Lab (3,000 sq. ft.)
- Medical Arts Lab (1,000 sq. ft.)
- Nursing Assistant Lab (2,000 sq. ft.)





### **Career & Technical Education**

### Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Dual Credit



#### February 2024

12 programs approved Programs of Study









January 2020 **ONLY ONE** approved **CTE Program** 



#### **Augmented Pathways**

Early College, CTE Pathways and Liberal Arts









#### Middle School **Exposure**

Amazon three year computer science program, CPR



## Campbells

**G**eknicks™







#### **Dual Credit**

25% of students enrolled













## First in the State

Pharmacy Technician course offered to seniors













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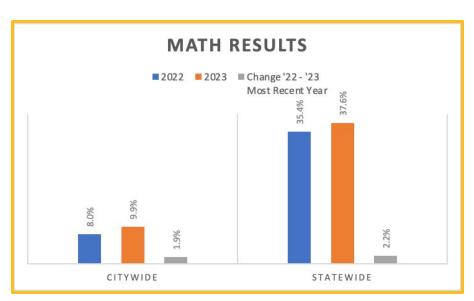


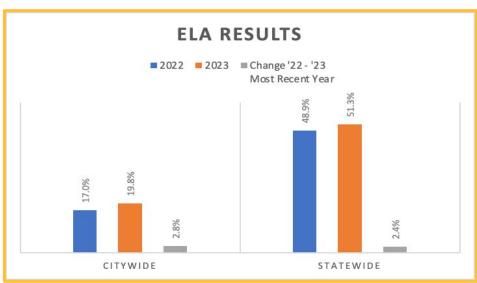




## **Instruction & Programming**

### **NJSLA Performance Analysis**





Citywide & Statewide Learning Recovery Comparison

## **NJSLA Results - Notable Improvements**

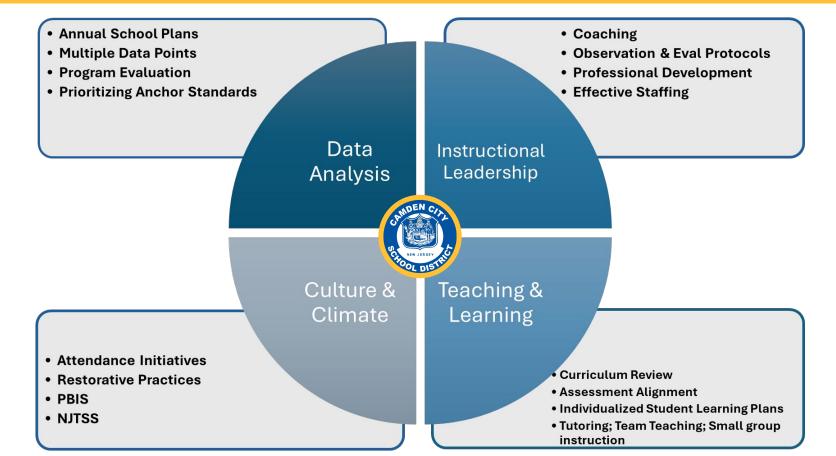
#### **Notable Growth in ELA:**

- Catto Grade 3: 9% increase
- Forest Hill Grade 4: 6% increase
- Yorkship Grades 4 and 5: 8% and 6% increases
- Davis Grade 5: 12% increase
- Dudley Grade 5: 6% increase
- Cooper's Poynt Grade 6: 14% increase
- Davis Grade 7: 6% increase
- Morgan Village Grade 7: 18% increase
- BPLA Grade 9: 14% increase

#### **Notable Growth in Math:**

- Cooper's Poynt Grade 3: 10% increase
- Davis Grade Grade 3: 13% increase
- Catto Grade 3: 24% increase
- Cooper's Poynt Grade 4: 8% increase
- Dudley Grade 5: 21% increase
- Catto Grade 5: 10% increase

### Intervention Strategies to Accelerate Learning



## **Innovator Academy**







### **Mandarin - Chinese**







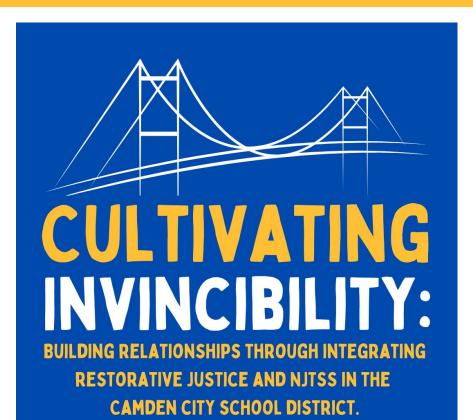
One of a handful in the region, Camden district is offering Mandarin Chinese with plans to grow the program





## **Student Engagement**

### **Student Engagement Initiatives**







### **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow Campaign**









ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW.











### **Citywide FAFSA Challenge**







### **Camden School Nutrition**



















## District Highlights: R.E.A.L Mentoring Launch

















## **Staffing and Recruitment**

## **Recruitment Strategy**

### **Create and Maintain Recruitment Pipelines**

CCSD is meeting the following institutions/agencies to build partnerships to assist in filling hard to fill vacancies:

- Rowan University MOCHA Program
- NJ Center for Teaching and Learning Math and Science

CCSD is also strengthening college and university partnerships: which include but are not limited to:

- Rowan
- The College of New Jersey
- Montclair University
- Rider
- Stockton













### **Camden U Teacher Pathways**



Travis Elliott began as a paraprofessional at Cooper's Poynt Family School where he is now a full time certified middle school science teacher, thanks to the help of the Camden U's Teacher Pathway program.

#### **Program Objectives**

- Implement a pilot program utilizing alternative pathways to certification for current Paraprofessionals in CCSD who do not hold bachelor degrees
- The Teacher Pathway Cohort is designed to fast-track aspiring teachers to the classroom through the 12 week Limited CE pilot program and praxis preparation
- Participants must meet all other NJDOE standards to earn a Limited Certificate of Eligibility (Limited CE) and demonstrate readiness as assessed by submitting to Praxis diagnostic exam.

### **Staff Recruitment - Camden Connecting**



**Employee Engagement Program -** To deepen staff connection and investment in the District

Staff Connection Program major highlights:

- Funding approved for district wide employee recognition events in all locations twice a year
- Increased advertisement of EAP resources available to staff and immediate family members

Standing Committees include:

- People Support
- Climate and Culture
- Retention and Recruitment
- Professional Development



# Questions & Comments