

Academic Calendar

2014-2015





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Dear CMSD Friends, Families & Supporters:

We are pleased to share the Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s 2014-15 *Academic Calendar*, which showcases our growing number of quality school options. This year’s calendar also features key strategies of *The Cleveland Plan* on each of the 12 calendar pages to show how far CMSD has progressed with your support and a citywide commitment to reinventing public education in Cleveland.

The combined passage of the historic Cleveland Plan legislation and Issue 107 positioned CMSD last year to implement proven strategies for raising student achievement. With our reform strategies fully under way, I am more grateful than ever to the people of Cleveland for making education a priority in our city.

Our increasing school choices, expanding academic, athletic and artistic opportunities, enhanced transportation services and improved safety and security in every building are prompting more families to explore, select, support and return to Cleveland’s public schools.

As CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, I remain committed to producing tangible, visible, measurable results that meet the goals we set together, and I will continue to implement our Cleveland Plan strategies with the help of our growing list of partners.

Thank you for your belief in and your support of CMSD. We will continue to build on your faith as we work together this year to produce skilled graduates who are ready for college and a 21st century workforce.

Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Eric S. Gordon
Chief Executive Officer



‘The clock is ticking to make good on promises we have made to state legislators in Columbus, who gave us six years to meet the goals of *The Cleveland Plan*.

The clock is ticking on promises we made to the citizens of Cleveland when, last November, they showed their faith in *The Cleveland Plan* and passed Issue 107, giving CMSD the resources it needs to do the work that must be done in our schools, and giving us four years to deliver results.

Most importantly, the clock is ticking for the children of Cleveland, who face a world economy that has raced far ahead of them, leaving them behind and, in fact, forgotten.

There is no time to wait.’

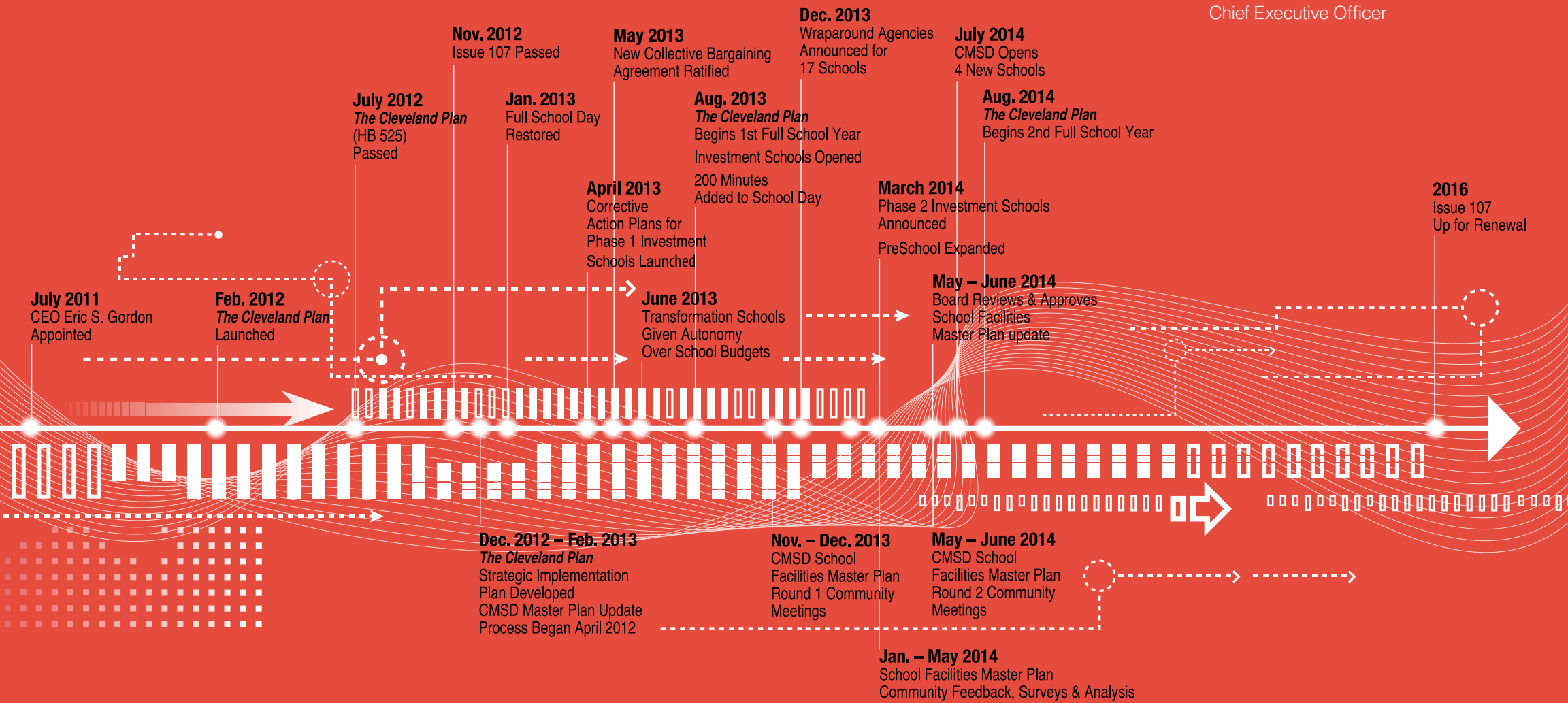
— Eric Gordon
2013 State of the Schools Address

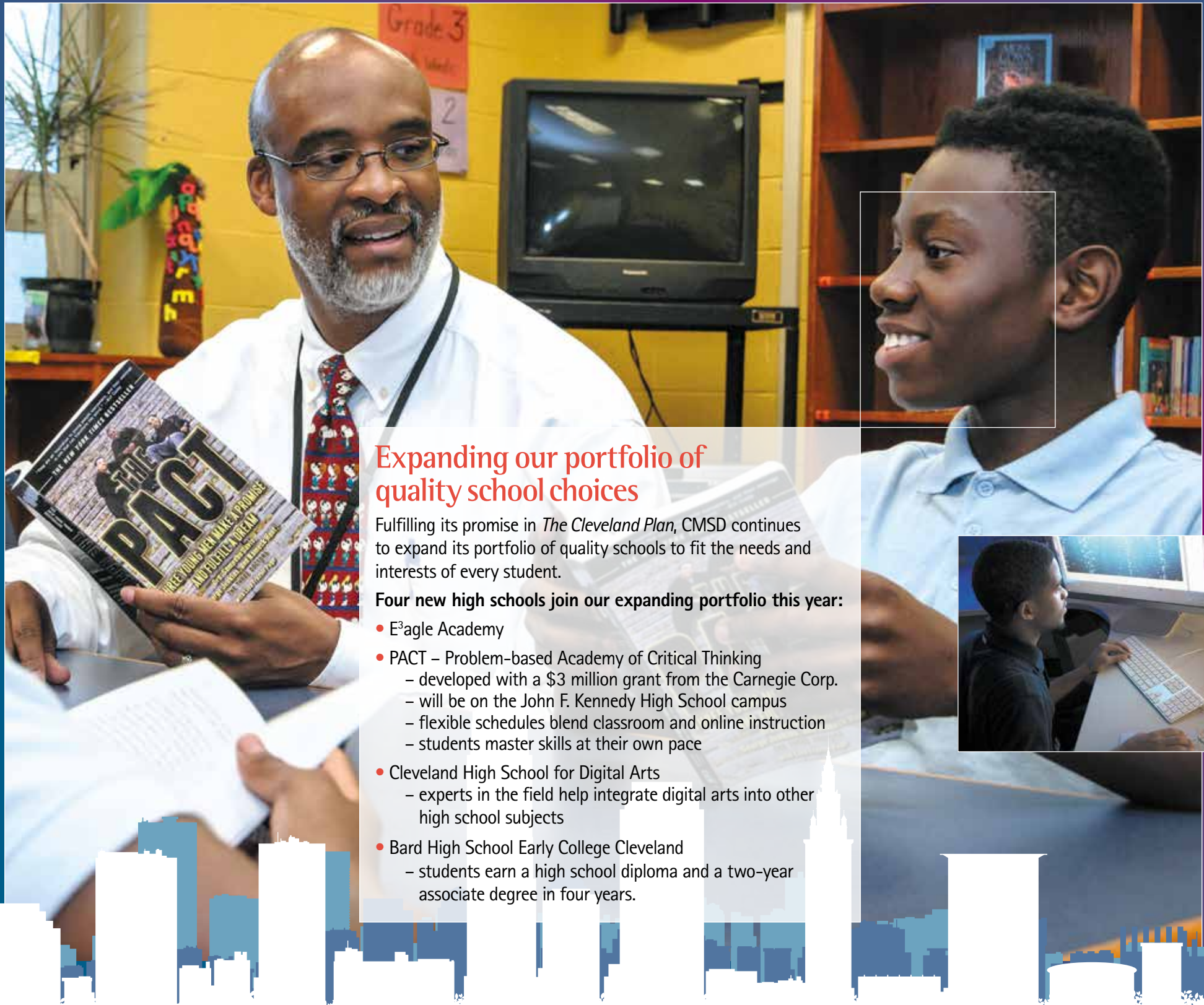


The Cleveland Plan Timeline

'There is no promise more pressing, no mission more noble and no work more inspiring than that of a public's responsibility to educate its children.'

— Eric S. Gordon
Chief Executive Officer





Expanding our portfolio of quality school choices

Fulfilling its promise in *The Cleveland Plan*, CMSD continues to expand its portfolio of quality schools to fit the needs and interests of every student.

Four new high schools join our expanding portfolio this year:

- E³agle Academy
- PACT – Problem-based Academy of Critical Thinking
 - developed with a \$3 million grant from the Carnegie Corp.
 - will be on the John F. Kennedy High School campus
 - flexible schedules blend classroom and online instruction
 - students master skills at their own pace
- Cleveland High School for Digital Arts
 - experts in the field help integrate digital arts into other high school subjects
- Bard High School Early College Cleveland
 - students earn a high school diploma and a two-year associate degree in four years.

AUGUST 2014

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Youth Summit
& Back to School Fair
(9 a.m. – 1 p.m. @ Public
Auditorium)

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— CAO Principals Roundtable (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ BBB) —

Preschool/PreK Professional Days

10

First Day of School 11

for Cleveland School of
Architecture & Design
and Cleveland School of
Science and Medicine

Professional Days (No Classes)

Early Learners Institute for Preschool/PreK Teachers

12

First Day of School 13

for most schools

Visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org
for a complete list.

14

PreK
Staff Orientation

Kindergarten Phase-In

15

16

17

First Day of School 18

for All-City Arts
(3:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ John Hay)
and for remaining schools.
Visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org
for a complete list.

19

Preschool
Staff Orientation
Board Business Meeting
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
1111 Superior Ave.)

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Parent Advisory
Committee Meeting
(6 - 8 p.m.)

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Preschool/PreK
Begins

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Dates, times and locations are subject to change.





Holding ourselves and each other accountable for results

With *The Cleveland Plan* fully under way, CMSD is committed to holding itself accountable for setting higher standards for students by measuring their learning and implementing supports needed to ensure student success.

Every person in the organization thinks of himself or herself as an educator. We are committed to being visibly engaged every day and to holding ourselves accountable for results while supporting one another in our common goal to raise student achievement.

The Cleveland Plan Implementation Strategies described on each page of the Academic Calendar are a daily reminder to families and Cleveland citizens of the initiatives implemented to make good on our Issue 107 promise to raise student achievement in four years.

SEPTEMBER 2014

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Labor Day
(All Facilities Closed)

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Grandparents' Day

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First Marking Period
Interim Progress Reports Due

Early Dismissal for Open House
Early Schools: 11 / 11:20 a.m.
Late Schools: 12:30 / 12:50 p.m.

PreK-8 Open House
(6 - 8 p.m.)

Board Work Session
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
1111 Superior Ave.)

10

High Schools
Early Dismissal 11:20 a.m.
High Schools Open House
(6 - 8 p.m.)

Open House Week
Interim Progress Reports
Distributed

11

CAO AP/CIS
Roundtable
(1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. @ BBB)

12

Preschool/PreK
Professional Day
(No Classes)

13

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16

Citizenship Day

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Fathers' Walk
SPO
District Leadership Meeting
(6 - 8 p.m.)

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Fall Equinox

23

Board Business Meeting
(6:30 p.m. @ School
Location TBA)

24

All-City Arts
Open House
(3:30 - 7 p.m. @ Playhouse
Square)

25

Rosh Hashanah
(All Facilities Open)
High School Girls Tennis
Championship
(4 p.m. @ Jefferson Park)

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Ensuring college & workforce readiness

Research shows that by 2018, more than 60 percent of new jobs will require some kind of post-secondary education – a technical certificate, two-year degree or four-year degree.

The Cleveland Plan calls for implementing aggressive measures to ensure CMSD students are ready for the future that awaits them.

Common Core State Standards are now used in all District schools, as well as Naviance curriculum in grades 9–12, to help students connect academic achievement to their career and college goals.

CMSD is committed to expanding and strengthening college and career planning resources, increasing college enrollment rates, decreasing college remediation rates and increasing the number of high school students enrolled in:

- Advanced Placement
- Post-Secondary Options
- Dual Credit Programs
- Apprenticeships and Internship Programs

OCTOBER 2014

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5 Fire Prevention Week	6 ADM Week Ohio Achievement Assessment Reading, Grade 3	7 High School Soccer Championship (4 p.m. @ Collinwood Athletic Field)	8 International Walk to School Day Cross Country Championship (4 p.m. @ Cleveland Metroparks Wallace Lake)	9 CAO AP/CIS Roundtable (1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ BBB) High School Co-ed Golf Championship (10:30 a.m. @ Shawnee Hills Golf Course) High School Girls Volleyball Championship (6 p.m. @ E. Professional Center)	10 End of First Marking Period Preschool/PreK Professional Day (No Classes)	11 Yom Kippur
12	13 Discoverers' Day (All Facilities Closed) National School Lunch Week	14 First Day of Second Marking Period Board Work Session (6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office 1111 Superior Ave.)	15 National PSAT/NMSQT Test Administration Day Grades 10 & 11 4th Annual CTAG Hispanic Symposium K-8 Soccer (4 p.m. @ James F. Rhodes Field)	16	17	18
19	20 Safe Schools Week National School Bus Safety Week First Marking Period Grades Due	21 Parent Teacher Conferences (No Classes) Report Card Distribution (12:30 p.m - 7 p.m. or Family Convenience)	22 National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Report Card Distribution	23	24	25 CSA Auditions (9 a.m. @ Harry E. Davis) Visit ClevelandSchooloftheArts.org
26	27	28 Board Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. @ School Location TBA)	29 Ohio Graduation Testing (OGT) Grades 11 & 12 (All Five Tests)	30	31 Halloween Special Education Child Count	

Dates, times and locations are subject to change.





Giving school staff and communities greater autonomy to make decisions about their schools

The Cleveland Plan calls for transferring authority from the central office to individual schools, where the people know best where students need assistance and can make the best possible decisions to help them succeed.

By granting greater autonomy and implementing student-based budgeting this year, school leaders, their staffs and communities have increased freedom to make decisions about their school calendar, academic programs and supports, the people they hire and the money they spend.

Today, CMSD provides money to schools based not on a one-size-fits-all-schools formula, but on enrollment numbers and on the individual needs of students, giving increased opportunities for school staff and families to direct resources and supports where they can have the greatest impact on student achievement.

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1
College Application Month

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Daylight Savings Time Ends
(Fall back one hour & change batteries in smoke alarms)

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4
Election Day
Professional Development Day
(No Classes)

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Board Work Session
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
1111 Superior Ave.)
Ohio Graduation Testing (OGT)
Grades 11 & 12 (All Five Tests)

6
K-8 Volleyball Championship
(3:30 p.m. @ John Hay)

7
Varsity Football
(7 p.m. @ Collinwood
Athletic Field)

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10
K-8 Chess Tournament
Rounds 1 & 2
(3 p.m. @ Max S. Hayes)

11
Veterans Day
(All Facilities Open)
CAO Principals Roundtable
(8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ BBB)
High School
Chess Tournament
Rounds 1 & 2
(2:30 p.m. @ Max S. Hayes)

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13
CAO AP/CIS Roundtable
(1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ BBB)
K-8 Girls Basketball
Fall Championship
(4 p.m. @ Lincoln-West)

14
Preschool/PreK
Professional Day
(No Classes)

15
Fall Parent University
(9 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ Westside
Location TBD)

16

17
Second Marking Period
Interim Reports Due
K-8 Chess Tournament
Rounds 3 & 4
(3 p.m. @ Max S. Hayes)

18
High School
Chess Tournament
Rounds 3 & 4
(2:30 p.m. @ Max S. Hayes)
Board Business Meeting
(6:30 p.m. @ School
Location TBA)

19
Interim Progress Reports Distributed
Second Marking Period

20
Parent Advisory
Committee Meeting
(6 - 8 p.m.)

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22

23
K-8 Chess Tournament
Rounds 5 & 6
(3 p.m. @ Max S. Hayes)
K-12 Special Olympics
Basketball Skills
(9:30 a.m. @ Tri-C
Metro Campus)

24

25
High School
Chess Tournament
Rounds 5 & 6
(2:30 p.m. @ Max S. Hayes)

26
Thanksgiving Break
(All Schools Closed)

27
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Holiday (All Facilities Closed)

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Increasing family and community engagement

The Cleveland Plan requires that all parents or caregivers have face-to-face contact at a parent-teacher conference, open house or other event by December of the school year.

In an effort to increase family and community engagement, CMSD is committed to making parent-teacher conferences more meaningful, convenient and inviting for families by extending hours and holding them at times when parents can pick up their child's report card.

CMSD is gathering and sharing more student data than ever before, giving parents advice on how to help students at home and holding conferences during grading periods to allow time to provide students with the help they need.

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7	8 K-8 and High School Individual Chess Championship (noon @ Max S.Hayes)	9 CAO Principals Roundtable (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ BBB) Board Work Session (6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office 1111 Superior Ave.)	10 All-City Arts Winter Concert (7 p.m. @ John Hay Auditorium)	11 CAO AP/CIS Roundtable (1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ BBB) K-12 Special Olympics Basketball Skills (10:30 a.m. @ Tri-C Metro Campus)	12 Preschool/PreK Professional Day (No Classes)	13																																																																																																		
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Implementing student-based budgeting

Following passage of Issue 107, *The Cleveland Plan* strategy to implement student-based budgeting was a critical first step in decentralizing school funding and ensuring that the money follows the child.

With greater autonomy and decision-making at the building level, student-based budgeting ensures that:

- funding follows the child on a per-student basis to the public school he or she attends
- per-student funding varies according to the child's individual needs and other relevant circumstances
- funding is distributed according to student need to ensure equity
- funding arrives at the school as real dollars, not as teaching positions or staffing norms, so funds can be spent flexibly to achieve results

Today, resources are more transparent than ever as the District maintains its *Cleveland Plan* promise to increase equity for students and provide a financial incentive for schools to improve practices to attract and retain families.

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 New Year's Day
 FAFSA Awareness Campaign Jan. 1 – Feb. 15
Seniors
Start your FAFSA Day
 New Year's Holiday
 (All Schools, Facilities Closed)

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5
 Professional Development Day
 (No Classes)
 All-City Arts
 Return from Winter Break
 (3:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ John Hay)

6
 Students Resume Classes
 First Day of
 Second Semester

7

8
 CAO AP/CIS
 Roundtable
 (1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ BBB)

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10

11

12
 Second Marking Period
 Grades Due
 Ohio Test of
 English Language Acquisition
 (OTELA): Grades K-12
 (Jan. 12 - March 6)

13
 CAO Principals Roundtable
 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ BBB)
 Board Organizational Meeting/
 Work Session
 (6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
 1111 Superior Ave.)

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16
 Preschool/PreK
 Professional Day
 (No Classes)

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19
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 (All Facilities Closed)
 CTAG
 Martin Luther King Jr.
 Community Service
 Week

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22
 All-City Musical Auditions
 @ Playhouse Square
 (3:30 p.m.)
 High School Bowling Championship
 (3 p.m. @ Freeway Lanes
 of Wickliffe)
 K-12 Special Olympics
 Basketball Skills
 (9:30 a.m. @ Tri-C Metro Campus)

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27
 All-City Musical Auditions
 @ Playhouse Square
 (3:30 p.m.)
 Board Business Meeting
 (6:30 p.m. @ School
 Location TBA)

28
 High School Swimming
 Championship
 (6 p.m. @ Lincoln-West Pool)

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31

Report Card Distribution (Second Marking Period)

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Improving customer service

With support from the Cleveland Clinic, a valued community partner, CMSD has implemented a plan to improve customer service and create more family-friendly schools and offices District-wide. CMSD staff is trained in strategies to improve communication and the customer experience.

Staying true to one of our Cleveland Plan goals, CMSD is using surveys and metrics to increase two-way communication and measure customer satisfaction.

Surveys available online, via email and at an electronic kiosk in our Welcome Center increase opportunities for callers and visitors to provide feedback about their CMSD experience. At CMSD we are all educators.

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 National Signing Day (CMSD Athletes)	5	6 High School Girls/Boys (Varsity) Basketball Championship (5:45 p.m. / 7:45 p.m. @ John Adams) K-12 Special Olympics Winter Games (9:30 a.m. @ Cuyahoga Valley National Park)	7
8 College Goal Sunday FASFA Workshop for Students & Parents @ Warrensville Hts Library	9 Third Marking Period Interim Reports Due	10 CAO Principals Roundtable (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. @ BBB) Board Work Session (6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office 1111 Superior Ave.)	11 K-8 Boys Basketball Championship (4 p.m. @ John Hay)	12 2 hour Early Release for Students Teacher Extended Day for Parent Conferences CAO AP/CIS Roundtable (1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. @ BBB)	13 Professional Development Day (No Classes) K-12 Special Olympics Citywide Ski Championship (9:45 a.m. @ Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resort)	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day (All Facilities Closed) CTAG Black History Exposure Trip	17 Next Generation Assessments ELA/Mathematics Performance Based Grades 3-8 and High School (Feb. 17 - March 20)	18 Ash Wednesday Extramural Boys Championship (4 p.m. @ John Hay)	19 SPO District Leadership Meeting (6 - 8 p.m.) Chinese New Year (Year of the Sheep)	20	21 High School Wrestling Championship (10 a.m. @ Lincoln-West)
22	23 Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD) (Feb. 23 - April 17)	24 Board Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. @ School Location TBA)	25 2nd Annual CTAG Black History Symposium All-City Arts Black History Celebration (7 p.m. @ Idea Center Westfield Theatre)	26	27	28 CSA Auditions (9 a.m. @ Harry E. Davis) Visit ClevelandSchooloftheArts.org



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Expanding early childhood options across the city

Fulfilling our Cleveland Plan promise to expand free, high quality PreK options across the city, CMSD joined partners this school year to launch PRE4CLE, a citywide effort to make high-quality preschool available to 3- and 4-year olds.

The Cleveland Early Childhood Compact has increased the number of providers who, like CMSD, meet state quality standards so every parent in Cleveland has an opportunity to choose a quality preschool for their child.

Call 216.838.0110

to register your 3- or 4-year-old at your school of choice,
or visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org/PRE4CLE

MARCH 2015

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1	2 National School Breakfast Week Next Generation Assessments Performance Based Science Grades 5, 8 and High School • Social Studies Grades 4, 6 and High School (March 2 – 13)	3	4	5	6	7																																																																													
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Investing in our children and our communities

As part of *The Cleveland Plan*, CMSD targeted 23 low-performing schools over the last two years for intensive intervention. CMSD's Investment School strategy, an aggressive reform measure that is showing promising results, is based on each school's particular needs and on community feedback about the changes they want to see in their schools. Thus far, reforms produced more positive school climates, increased family and community engagement and higher scores on assessments.

CMSD will expand its Investment School strategy this spring by selecting a third round of Investment Schools. We are steadfast in our commitment to the citizens of Cleveland to demonstrate measurable academic progress and reduce the number of low-performing schools by 50 percent.

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April Fool's Day

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Spring Break
All Schools Closed

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Good Friday
(All Facilities Closed)

4
First Day of Passover
Maralyn West High School
Invitational Track Meet
(9 a.m. @ Collinwood
Athletic Field)

5
Easter Sunday

6
Spring Break
All Schools Closed

7
Schools Reopen

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9
CAO AP/CIS Roundtable
(1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ BBB)
High School Cheerleader
Championship
(6 p.m. @ Lincoln-West)

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11
Spring Parent University
(9 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ John Adams)

12
National
Volunteer Week
National College Fair
@ Cleveland Convention
Center

13
Next Generation Assessments
ELA/Mathematics
End of Course
Grades 3-8 and High School
(April 13 - May 15)
High School Military Drill
Championship
(6 p.m. @ Lincoln-West)

14
CAO Principals Roundtable
(8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ BBB)
Board Work Session
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
1111 Superior Ave.)

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16
High School Hi-Stepper
Championship
(6 p.m. @ Lincoln-West)

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Earth Day

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SPO
District Leadership Meeting
(6 - 8 p.m.)

24
Preschool/PreK
Professional Day
(No Classes)

25
CTAG
John Adams Lock-In

26
Fourth Marking Period
Interim Reports Due

27

28
District-wide Grade 11
ACT Administration
Extramural Girls Championship
(4 p.m. @ John Hay)
Board Business Meeting
(6:30 p.m. @ School
Location TBA)

29
2-hour Early Release
for Students
Teacher Extended Day for
Parent Conferences
CTAG
Senior Recognition Day

30
IEPs expiring between
4/30 & 9/30 Due



Ohio Achievement Assessment: April 20 – May 1
Grade 3 Reading Achievement Assessment

Interim Progress Report Week (Fourth Marking Period)

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“Schools can’t do it alone.”

—CEO Eric S. Gordon



Partnering with community agencies

Community partners citywide have responded to the CEO's call for support for *The Cleveland Plan*. Today, our partners play a stronger role than ever in our common goal to raise student achievement. United Way has linked CMSD schools with a growing list of lead agencies that pair with schools to provide "wraparound" services tailored each school's individual needs.

At Franklin D. Roosevelt PreK-8 school in the Glenville neighborhood, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cleveland organization is on site to provide academic and extracurricular programs before, during and after school. With help from the Cleveland Food Bank, students have three daily meals, as well as the academic and social support they need.

The MetroHealth partnership added health services this year at 11 schools, expanding medical services to help reduce chronic absenteeism and improve school performance. CMSD families now have easy access to resources to manage their children's urgent care, immunizations, sports physicals and lab tests. Students don't miss time at school and parents don't miss time at work.

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Asian Pacific American
Heritage Month

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National
Teacher Appreciation
Week
Next Generation Assessments
End of Course
Science Grades 5, 8 and High
School • Social Studies Grades
4, 6 and High School
(May 4 – 15)

5
Cinco de Mayo
National Teacher
Appreciation Day

6
National School Nurse
Appreciation Day

7
Parent Advisory
Committee Meeting
(6 - 8 p.m.)

8
Preschool/PreK
Professional Day
(No Classes)

9

10
Mother's Day

11
High School Powerlifting
Championship
(11 a.m. @ John F. Kennedy)
Eleanor Montgomery
K-8 Track Meet
(4 p.m. @ Collinwood
Athletic Field)
K-12 Special Olympics
Aquatics Championship
(10:30 a.m. @ Cudell
Recreation Center)

12
CAO Principals Roundtable
(8 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ BBB)
Jesse Owens
High School Track Meet
(3 p.m. @ Collinwood Athletic Field)
K-12 Special Olympics
Track & Field Championship
(9:30 a.m. @ John F. Kennedy Field)
Board Work Session
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
1111 Superior Ave.)

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14
CAO AP/CIS Roundtable
(1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ BBB)
High School Boys Tennis
Championship
(1 p.m. @ Rockefeller Park
Courts 1-8)
K-8 Boys Basketball
Spring Championship
(4 p.m. @ John Hay)
High School Girls Fast Pitch Softball
(4 p.m. @ Cleveland State University)

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16
All-City Arts + FACE
Rock Your World with STEAM
Family Festival
(9 a.m. – 4 p.m. @
Rock and Roll
Hall of Fame and Museum /
Great Lakes Science Center)

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18
High School Boys Baseball
Championship
(Time & Location TBD)

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K-12 Special Olympics
Track & Field Championship
(9:30 a.m. @ John F.
Kennedy Field)

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**Last Day of
School for Students**
End of Second Semester
End of Fourth
Marking Period

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Memorial Day
(All Facilities Closed)

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Board Business Meeting
(6:30 p.m. @ School
Location TBA)

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Professional Days
(No Classes)

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High School Final Report Cards Mailed

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Giving students greater 'say' in their schools, their district, their future

CMSD's Student Advisory Committee was established last year to meet a requirement of *The Cleveland Plan* to involve students in academic reform. Students representing a cross-section of grades, achievement levels and personalities from 26 high schools now serve as delegates to citywide education summits where they work with school principals to improve conditions for learning at their schools.

Students who serve on the Advisory Committee analyze survey data, dialogue with students from other schools and work together to draft plans aimed at improving attendance, safety, morale, academic achievement, discipline, respect and overall school climate and culture at their schools.

CMSD's 21 high schools each selected 16 committee members (four from each grade level) to participate in a program the District is committed to continuing this year to enable students to have a greater voice in academic reform issues in their schools.

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Board Work Session
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
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Flag Day

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) Grades 10 - 12 (All Five Tests)

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Father's Day
First Day of Summer

Board Business Meeting
(6:30 p.m. @ BOE Office
1111 Superior Ave.)

K-12 Special Olympics Ohio State Summer Games
(9 a.m. @ The Ohio State University)

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K-12 Special Olympics Ohio State Summer Games
(9 a.m. @ The Ohio State University)



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Earning our reputation for Excellence

When school and community leaders joined citizens across Cleveland in 2012 to develop *The Plan for Transforming Cleveland's Schools*, they set a common goal to ensure that children will no longer leave Cleveland's schools without the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a modern workforce.

The success of *The Cleveland Plan* legislation drew national attention to Cleveland and has been hailed by Governor John Kasich, who signed The Plan into law as a national model for school reform.

Cleveland's bold and remarkable vision for the future of its children, along with passage of Issue 107 and unprecedented overhaul of CMSD's collective bargaining agreement with its teachers, continues to garner national attention as one of the most extraordinary efforts in America to locally modernize a large urban school district.

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Keep reading.
Visit your local public library.

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Independence Day

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Take advantage of Cleveland's family, neighborhood and cultural events this summer.

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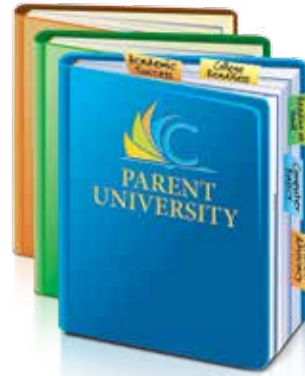
CMSD Parent University

Parent University provides informative and skill-building classes for parents and caregivers of students attending Cleveland's public schools.

Free classes in locations throughout the city include Computer Basics, Reading at Home, Advocating for Your Child, College Readiness, Financial Literacy and others, designed to help families increase their involvement in school and support student learning at home.

If you are interested in attending class or teaching a class at Parent University this year, contact:

The Office of Family and Community Engagement
216.838.FACE (3223)



School Parent Organization

The School Parent Organization (SPO) is recognized as the official parent group of the District. The primary role for parents and guardians in each SPO is to support the academic achievement of all students within that particular school. The SPO encourages and supports parent involvement in a variety of ways, including basic parenting skills, volunteering, leadership, helping students learn at home, school-parent communications and collaborating with the community.

A parent or custodial caregiver is a member of his or her respective school's SPO by virtue of having a student in that school. SPO officers are required to be parents or legal guardians of students. There are no fees or dues to be an active member.

Call your local school office to participate in a parent organization and support your children. For more information, call the Office of Family and Community Engagement at 216.838.FACE (3223).



Volunteering makes a difference

People who volunteer in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District make a big impact on our children, our schools and our city.

To become a CMSD volunteer, contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at 216.838.0337 and start making a difference today.



Family Connection keeps you connected through Naviance

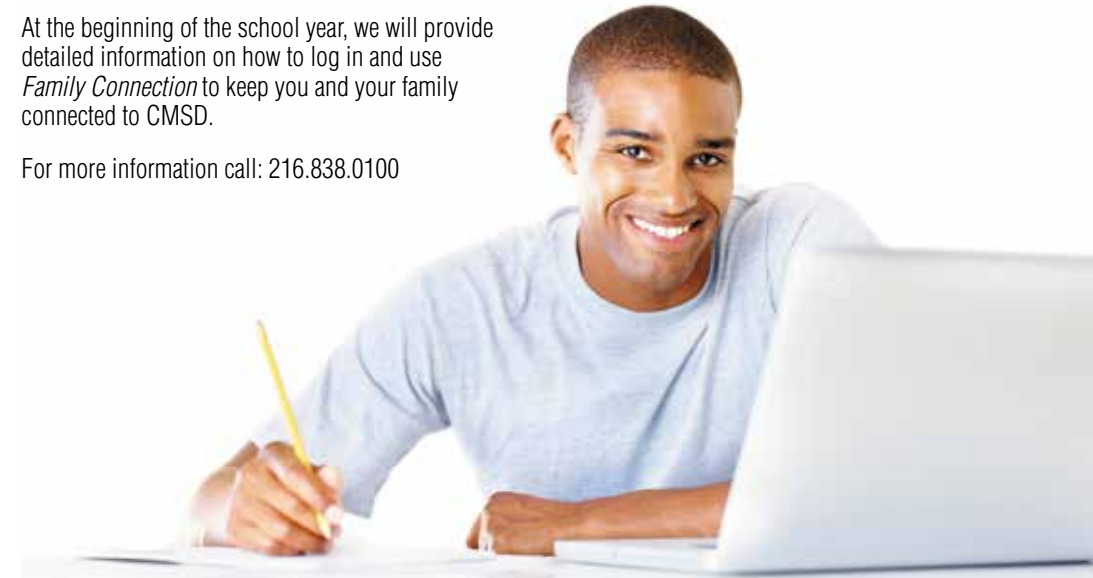
CMSD high schools use web-based software known as *Family Connection/Naviance* to help you and your child navigate high school courses, colleges and career plans. School counselors, principals and staff will provide you with up-to-date information specific to your child's high school.

Family Connection allows you and your child to get involved in the planning and advising process, to research college and career options and to prepare for the future.

Family Connection also enables us to share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities and other resources for college and career information.

At the beginning of the school year, we will provide detailed information on how to log in and use *Family Connection* to keep you and your family connected to CMSD.

For more information call: 216.838.0100



Multilingual Education

Multilingual Welcome Center at Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy

3145 West 46th St. • Cleveland, OH 44102
Phone: 216.404.5159 • Fax: 216.404.5491

Notice to Limited English Proficiency Parents

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District has free language assistance available for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) parents with respect to school programs and activities. A parent does not have to be of limited English proficiency in speaking, reading, writing and comprehending English in order to be considered LEP; it is only necessary that a parent be limited in one area to be eligible to receive language assistance. The Cleveland Metropolitan School District will accept a parent's assertion that he or she needs language assistance.

Project ACT: Support for homeless students

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Project ACT ensures homeless students have access to the same free education all residential students receive within the District.

Barriers that may prevent homeless students from attending school are eliminated through the work of Project ACT, which partners with District departments and community resources.

Using a comprehensive, holistic approach to deliver direct instructional and support services necessary for the homeless child's transition into school, Project ACT facilitators work to ensure each child's success and ongoing participation in the educational system.

Project ACT works to meet the physical, social and emotional needs of each homeless child and empower parents to support their children's educational endeavors.

The District works closely with Project ACT and community support organizations to ensure school information is available to students and families who are living in doubled-up situations and shelters.

For assistance call 216.838.0210 or 800.961.1990



CMSD Safe Schools Hotline

Can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

216.838.SAFE (7233)

- Report anything you see or hear that concerns you about the safety of CMSD students
- Provide vital and/or urgent information that will assist us in keeping our schools safe for students and staff



Humanware provides positive learning environments

Humanware is an important part of CMSD's strategic plan to address conditions for learning so that all students are academically and socially equipped to succeed. The conditions for learning include a safe, well-managed, respectful and supportive learning environment and opportunities for social emotional learning, a process whereby children and adults acquire knowledge, skills and dispositions related to five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building and responsible decision making.

Humanware strategies designed to improve school climates:

- Provide positive behavioral support
- Develop early-intervention strategies
- Promote anti-bullying initiatives
- Foster community-service partnerships
- Improve collaboration between schools and agencies
- Enhance the partnership between schools and families
- Further develop Student Support Teams, collaborative problem-solving groups that include administrators, teachers and student-support personnel
- Promote PATHS and Planning Centers
- Provide a coordinated sequence for developing social and emotional competencies according to the Social Emotional Learning section of the District's Scope and Sequence Manual

For more information call: 216.838.0185



Attendance plays a key role in every child's academic success

Parents and guardians play a critical role in school attendance. The Cleveland Metropolitan School District, working with community partners, will continue the Target 11 Attendance Initiative. Target 11 enables school officials and community partners to more closely monitor each child's attendance at school while educating families on the importance of good attendance records.

Each day your child is absent from school has a negative impact on his or her attendance percentage, which in turn affects overall academic progress. Target 11 is designed to educate parents on the tracking procedures used for attendance. The objective is for students not to miss more than 11 days of school, thus meeting a 93 percent attendance goal.

We are now required by law to refer children who exceed 11 absences to the Department of Children and Family Services and/or Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

For more information, call: 216.838.0220



CMSD's championship sports programs build pride, character, futures

Participation in sports competition not only improves a student's physical health; it also plays a key role in overall youth development, including improved academic performance, higher self-esteem, fewer behavioral problems and increased opportunities for substantial college scholarships.

Last year, CMSD earned numerous regional and state championship appearances and more than \$3 million in athletic scholarships for our student athletes who will go on to play for Division I sports teams.

CMSD has a rich legacy of championships. Among them:

- Glenville became the first Cleveland public high school to advance to a state football championship in 2009. They returned to the championship in 2013.
- The East Tech High School boys basketball team advanced this year to state's Final Four championship, galvanizing a championship legacy founded in East Tech state championships in 1958, 1959 and 1972.
- The Glenville Tarblooders boys track team won its 16th state track and field championship this year.

Each school year, the CMSD Interscholastic Athletics Office welcomes prospective student athletes in grades 9-12 to try out for:

FALL

Cross Country
Football
Co-ed Golf
Co-ed Soccer
Girls Tennis
Volleyball

WINTER

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Bowling
Swimming
Wrestling

SPRING

Boys Baseball
Girls Softball
Boys Tennis

Interested student athletes should contact their high school's Athletic Department for information, tryout dates and times.



*National Signing Day (February 5, 2014)
Flanked by proud parents, CMSD athletes
sign acceptance letters for college scholarships.*



CMUSD Frequent Contacts



Academics Office.....	216.838.0100
Board of Education.....	216.838.0030
Central Administration Building.....	216.838.0000
Chief Executive Officer.....	216.838.0020
District Communications Office.....	216.838.0092
Early Childhood Education/PreK (curriculum or school readiness).....	216.838.0110
Family & Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.).....	216.838.FACE (3223)
• Alumni & Friends.....	216.838.FACE (3223)
• SPO (School Parent Organization).....	216.838.0332
• Uniform Information & Assistance.....	216.838.0310
• Volunteers.....	216.838.0337
Food & Child Nutrition Services.....	216.838.0434
Fraud Hotline.....	216.838.9999
Health Services.....	216.838.0270
Human Resources.....	216.838.JOBS (5627)
Humanware.....	216.838.0185
• Rapid Response Team (mental health needs) ...	216.838.CARE (2273)
Interscholastic Athletics & Student Activities.....	216.838.0150
Law Department.....	216.838.0070
Multilingual Multicultural Education.....	216.404.5098 216.404.5113
• Multilingual Welcome Center at Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy.....	216.404.5159 (assessments & family services)
Portfolio Schools Office.....	216.838.0250
Safety & Security.....	216.838.7777
• Safe Schools Hotline.....	216.838.SAFE (7233)

Special Education (main office).....	216.838.7733
• Gifted Education & Advanced Placement.....	216.838.0131
• Home Instruction.....	216.838.0209
• Parent Mentors.....	216.838.0344 216.838.0345
• Preschool Assessment Clinic.....	216.838.1966
• Psychological Services.....	216.838.1955
(testing for a suspected disability).....	216.838.0280
• Records Retention Center.....	216.838.0203
(requests for copies of an IEP or ETR)	
• Related Services.....	216.838.1961
(speech, occupational, physical therapy)	
• Residential Day Treatment.....	216.838.0194
(private, non-public schools)	
Student Services.....	216.838.0200
• Assignments & Registration.....	216.838.KIDS (5437)
• Attendance (Target 11).....	216.838.0220
• Back to School Information.....	216.838.KIDS (5437)
• E.School Plus Support.....	216.838.0230
• Hearings & Appeals.....	216.838.0240
• Home Schooling (central office).....	216.838.0200
• Project ACT (homeless support).....	216.838.0210
• Transcripts: contact graduating school or call ...	216.838.KIDS (5437)
Transportation.....	216.838.4BUS (4287)
• Buses from the East 49th Street Depot.....	216.441.8229
• Buses from Lake Center Depot.....	216.432.4600
• Central Dispatch.....	216.441.8232
• Discounted student RTA tickets.....	216.838.0958
Work Permits.....	216.838.0323
Website.....	ClevelandMetroSchools.org

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