



SAY YES
— TO EDUCATION —
CLEVELAND



2019
In Review

Say Yes Cleveland launched one year ago, on January 18, 2019...

And we've accomplished a lot since then. With the help of our partners and supporters throughout the community, we have built an organization, launched support services in our first cohort of CMSD schools, developed and implemented programming, and sent our first class of CMSD graduates to postsecondary education with a Say Yes scholarship. We look forward to doing even more for Cleveland's children in the year ahead.

None of this could have been accomplished without the support and guidance provided by the leadership at the Say Yes national offices and, especially, our convening partners: the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, the Cleveland Foundation, College Now Greater Cleveland, and the United Way of Greater Cleveland.

SUPPORT SERVICES

launched this school year in our first cohort of 16 CMSD schools (10 PreK-8; 6 high schools)

FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

From the first day of school, our Family Support Specialists have been in each of our cohort schools connecting students (and their families) with the services they need. In their first months at work, Family Support Specialists have resolved hundreds of issues for students and families.

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING SYSTEM (PPS)

The PPS launched in October to help our Family Support Specialists identify students in need of extra support and services or facing urgent issues. The PPS system lets our Family Support Specialists make referrals to over 600 service providers who collectively offer more than 3,000 individual programs.

LEGAL SERVICES

On October 1st, Say Yes Cleveland launched free legal services for students (and their families) in each Say Yes school, coordinated by the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Already, dozens of students and families have received free assistance. Students or families can be connected to legal assistance by calling a dedicated Say Yes Legal Assistance hotline.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Afterschool Programming launched at Say Yes support service schools on January 7, 2020. At each Say Yes school, Coordinating Providers will provide day-to-day oversight of afterschool programming, including managing the numerous programs offered by Specialized Providers chosen by each school.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDRAISING



767 Say Yes-eligible students have enrolled in Say Yes-eligible schools



44% of the 2019 graduating class enrolled in postsecondary education immediately after high school, an increase of 4% from 2018



\$636,000 paid out in scholarships for the Class of 2019 fall semester tuition at schools including: Ohio State, Cleveland State, Miami, Tri-C, CWRU, Tufts, Duke, and many more



1,400+ Say Yes mentors were recruited to be paired with 2019 graduates.



74%+ of the funds needed to provide tuition scholarships to eligible students for the next quarter-century has already been raised



\$5 million has been raised since the launch of Say Yes Cleveland, bringing the current total to **\$93 million**.

WHAT'S NEXT

- This spring, Say Yes Cleveland will name the next cohort of support service schools for the 2020-2021 school year. That cohort will be 25% of the remaining CMSD and eligible partner charter schools, or approximately 26 schools.
- New Say Yes Family Support Specialists will be hired and ready to start in each new support service school when the new school year starts.
- New Say Yes Cleveland task forces will continue their work developing strategies to address critical issues impacting our students, including Family Stability, 5th Grade Achievement, Post-Secondary Assessment, and Integrated Health.
- Say Yes Summer Programming will roll out in June for the first cohort of support service schools.
- CMSD's Class of 2020 will graduate in the Spring, and hundreds of them will go to postsecondary programs in the Fall through Say Yes Cleveland!

FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALISTS



Front, left to right: Raymond Hill, Miles Park; Brittney Church, Max Hayes; Shauna Scott-Rose, New Tech East; Bethany Lee, Orchard; Alexandra Mora, Buhner Dual Language; Arnisha Rogers, Mary Bethune; Ashley Gulley, Marion-Sterling; Tracy Simpkins-Smith, Almira; HerMaya Onunwor, John Adams College & Career. **Back, left to right:** Victor Young; Alyssa Ellis, Rhodes College & Career; Jamila Campbell, Wilbur Wright; LeKisha Rogers, Joseph P. Gallagher; Cassandra Klein, Memorial; Jerrold Goodloe, Michael R. White; Nora Leahy, Lincoln West Global Studies; Tia Hickson, John Marshall Civic & Business Leadership.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



From left to right: Aletha Kern, director of chapter data management and student services; Diane Downing, executive director; Victor Young, director of student and family support services; Jon Benedict, director of communications; Georgina Galindo, our office manager