



CISE@WORK 2021



Supporting 10 Catholic Inner-city Schools



St. Joseph Preschool Scholars

IN GRATITUDE



Dear CISE Friend,

What a year it has been. In each of our 10 CISE schools, principals, teachers, staff, scholars and families have been put to the test during COVID. We can humbly say that CISE has weathered the challenge because of your support.

Our schools remained open, enabling 2,300 scholars in class, face-to-face learning for most of the 2020-21 school year. Thanks to you, we were able to secure support on critical fronts including technology, healthcare, mental health, academic support, and weekly food.

One highlight of many has been our academic results: In 2020, 65% of our classrooms increased performance in math, a critical building block in all grades. Math coaches made the difference.

While our primary focus over our 40-year history has been grade school, CISE Vision 2021 & Beyond is to further expand the vital “bookends” to grade school: preschool and high school. Our ultimate goal is to strengthen the education continuum, helping secure a path to a job, successful career, life fulfillment and, most importantly, a way out of poverty.

In the following pages, I hope you’ll enjoy seeing CISE@Work. Every achievement is because of your investment in Rewriting Futures.

With my deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mabe Rodriguez'.

Mabe Rodriguez
Executive Director/President



“It’s not enough
to walk to the
mission. We must
run to issues
that can help
improve lives.”

Mabe Rodriguez

CISE Executive Director

ON A MISSION

Over **40** years ago, CISE was founded as a fundraising organization evolving over time to actively help schools deliver **3** key pillars.



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

95% of scholars pass the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee. Most are accepted to Catholic high school. A donor-sponsored math program, summer enrichment, and high school student advocates are invaluable to improve academics.



SAFE, NURTURING & WELCOMING

Each of our ten schools provides physical, mental, and behavioral health support, as well as a comprehensive range of wraparound services.



VALUES FOR LIFE

Faith-based values are taught and modeled daily. Our schools collaborate with community partners to instill leadership, teamwork, self-control and resilience for success in learning and throughout life.

These three CISE pillars are vital to changing the cycle of poverty.

THE FACTS

10

NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOOLS

2307

PRESCHOOL TO
8TH GRADE

301

HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARS

85%

MINORITY

70%

NON-CATHOLIC

14

QUALITY PRESCHOOL
PROGRAMS



94%

LIVING IN POVERTY

76%

8TH GRADE GRADS
ACCEPTED INTO
CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOLS

94%

CISE CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATES
ACCEPTED INTO COLLEGE

STRONGER TOGETHER



Community partners provide CISE students & families with more.

WHEN THE WORLD SHUT DOWN, OUR DOORS STAYED OPEN.

TECHNOLOGY

Chromebooks and home Internet access was available to all students.

SCHOOL NURSES

School nurses monitored attendance and connected families to resources.

TEACHER CARTS

Teachers moved from room to room so students didn't have to.

LUNCHTIME ROUTINE

Scholars ate in their classrooms or socially distanced in the lunch room. One side of table - 6 ft. apart.

ACRYLIC DESK SHIELDS

Acrylic desk shields added an extra layer of protection.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The requirement to quarantine increased the need for substitute teachers.

CIRCULATION ROUTES

Physical cues helped students maintain 6 feet and one-way traffic in halls and stairways.

SMALLER PRESCHOOL CLASS SIZE

Preschool classes were smaller. Preschool scholars learned to socialize from a safe distance.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Though CISE schools stayed open, COVID impacted scholars, families, and staff. New protocols and family stress increased the importance of a ramped-up summer school program for 2021.

During COVID, expenses increased over \$500,000.



TEN SCHOOLS AT



ST. JOSEPH
West End

Oldest school in the archdiocese - 1847



Scholars participate in Flying Pig Marathon

Current principal is St. Joseph graduate



CORRYVILLE CATHOLIC
Clifton Heights

Pilot for Burchenal Extended Day Program

All-volunteer library with over 5,000 books



First Five Star preschool in Archdiocese



ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
Over the Rhine

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program



Tallest CISE Principal (6'8")

Companion Scholars Program with high school mentors



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
East Walnut Hills

A Seton Partners Blended Learning School

Dragon is the school Mascot



Ukulele offered in grades 4-8



ST. BONIFACE
Northside

Parent conferences held in 5 languages



50 Tae Kwon Do black belts in 10 years

School Band offered in grades 4-8

CISE is a family of schools, each one serving the

THE HEART OF CISE



HOLY FAMILY

East Price Hill

Hispanic students make up 60% of student body

100% of grads continued at a Catholic high school in 2020



Piloted "Chess in Schools" program



ROMERO ACADEMY

West Price Hill



Core Virtues:
Faith, Courage,
Justice, Wisdom,
Self-Control

New Seton Partners management model

Seton Education Partners invested \$1M in school building



ST. LAWRENCE

East Hill

Largest CISE School with 320 Scholars

Award winning school choir



First school to implement Leader in Me program

Rumor has it an old nun haunts the school



ST. WILLIAM

West Price Hill

A robust special needs program

Famous graduates include:



Cincinnati Mayor
John Cranley
&

Jim Borgman,
Pulitzer prize winning
editorial cartoonist



ST CECILIA

Oakley

Welcome!

Became newest CISE School in 2020

Received Seton Partners awards for top scores in reading and math

An active parish community

unique and evolving needs of their community.

THE CISE DIFFERENCE: STARTS WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

Each principal has the flexibility to manage the day-to-day of his or her own school. The COVID crisis provided an example of why that is important to meet the needs of each school's unique population and neighborhood.

CISE provides vital operational funding, community partnerships and wraparound services in addition to encouraging best practices. Performance and accountability are a large part of why CISE works.

Clear Vision & Expectations

Each school sets goals and objectives
Annual School Improvement metric

Reward
Evaluate, adapt,
celebrate



Accountability
Own the problem
and solution

Measurement
Each effort is measured

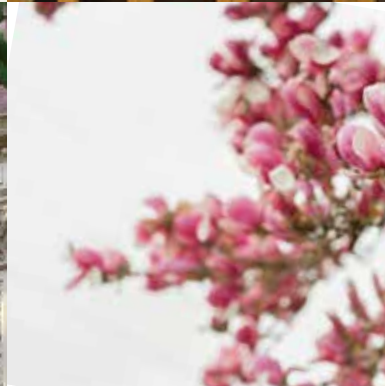
All 10 schools working together to be the best we can be.



**“As stewards of donor gifts,
we partner with our schools to
ensure efficiency, effectiveness
and impact.”**

David Williams

CISE Finance Chair





CISE VISION 2021 & BEYOND:

A CONTINUUM OF LEARNING THAT HELPS CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP



**PRE
SCHOOL**

Kindergarten readiness:
Literacy, numeracy, social
and emotional skill
development.

**GRADE
SCHOOL**

3rd grade reading guarantee.
Math proficiency across all
grades. Acceptance to
Catholic high school.

**HIGH
SCHOOL**

Catholic high school
retention and graduation.
Support and prepare
graduates for college or
career path.

Secure a path to financial independence - a way out of poverty.



“Thank you for believing in me. I am honored to represent CISE at St. Ursula.”

Jariatou Bah

High School Scholarship Recipient

4 SCHOLARS. 1 FAMILY. CISE WORKS.

Since 2009, Ebony Webb has recognized the power of a CISE school education. She and her mother, Carla, have instilled in her four children they are capable of becoming the best they can be, academically and spiritually. Ebony has been the inspiration and the guardrails for enrolling each child in a CISE school. Here are their stories.

Benjamin (20) graduated with honors from St. X High School in 2019. He now studies Information Technology with a minor in Business at Fordham University and is on the Fordham football team.

Jariatou (13) is a St. Francis de Sales graduate and has been accepted to St. Ursula Academy, where she will join her sister, Aissatou, in the fall of 2021.

Aissatou (15) is in the honors program at St. Ursula, President of Hands Across Campus Diversity, takes part in the Sisters in Cultural Unity program and is a St. Ursula Academy Student Ambassador. She hopes to study law.

Housanatou (8) is following in the path of her siblings. She will graduate from St. Francis de Sales in 2026 and complete the family tradition of a CISE Education.

One of many families who have made a CISE education a family tradition.

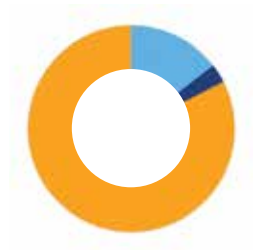
REWRITE A FUTURE. FUND A NEED.

REVENUE



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| Individuals | 59% |
| Grants/Corp. | 36% |
| Events | 5% |

EXPENSE



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| Programs | 80% |
| Administrative | 18% |
| Fundraising | 2% |

- 4-year high school scholarship. **\$24,000 per scholar**
- School nurse for a year. **\$20,000 per school**
- Summer enrichment program. **\$12,000 per school**
- Mental health coordinator for a year. **\$10,000 per school**
- Math intervention for a year. **\$4,500 per classroom**
- High school advocate. **\$1,000 per scholar**
- After-school athletics for one scholar. **\$500 per year**

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**“We are the arms of Christ
for the children in our
schools; strong and loving.
We can be nothing less.”**

J. Scott Golan

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