



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Penn Alexander Families:

February 14, 2020

I am excited to share that on Monday, February 10, 2020 Superintendent Dr. Hite and Mayor Kenney celebrated Penn Alexander as the school with the **highest Overall SPR Score for 2018-2019**, along with three years of improvement. The School Progress Report (SPR) measures three key areas- achievement (PSSA scores & early reading assessments), progress (measures growth on standardized assessment), and climate (school climate and student/parent survey results).

Several components of the SPR indicate the degree to which our students, regardless of educational need, are being served equitably. In addition to celebrating our high achievement levels, **PAS was named as a model school for Progress on Equity**. This metric and distinction shows the commitment our teachers and staff have for all students, specifically historically underperforming, as well as racial and other student subgroups. Over the past three years, our school has increased this progress metric by 21% points.

Ninety percent (90%) of our K-2 students are reading at or above grade level, a 12% increase over the past three years. In the past two years, students of color have increased by 15%, and African American students 27%. Our English Language Learner (ELL) students received the highest possible rating for their achievement as well. Last year African American students proficiency rates increased by 10% in Reading and 12% in Science. Special Education students increased their Math proficiency by 8%.

In year two of implementation of our strategic plan, Onwards and Outward 2021, our continued focus on equitable outcomes for all students drives our work as a school and community. This work would not be possible without the support of the Penn Alexander Community and Parents. I am confident we will continue to reach new goals, living out the legacy of our namesake, Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander.

Congratulations to the PAS students and faculty for all of their continued accomplishments!

Thanks to all of you for your support, and commitment to our school.

Sincerely,

Megan Wapner  
Principal