



SY2018-2019 School Plan Family Overview: Growth, Data, and Development

I. Overview of Priorities

DC Prep was founded with a set of values – one of them reflection and refinement. We have been reflecting and refining for 15 years and have a lot to be proud of. Annually we have made changes – based on feedback received, lessons learned, mistakes made, policy shifts and new research and learning. Over the years we have revised our Prep Skills, Prep Note, and Code of Conduct, we've revised our curriculum to align with Common Core, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and College, Career, and Civic Life (C3), and we have adjusted our programming and methodology to integrate more student discourse and feedback.

The outcome of our reflective work over the past 15 years is that we have developed more clarity and certainty in our goals for our graduates: we want our students to achieve rigorous academic outcomes, high school and college success, develop strong habits and decision-making skills, build a strong sense of self and be passionate and disciplined learners who recognize they have an important role to play in their communities.

The way we get to these lofty and important outcomes for our students is through the strength of our own campus communities. Utilizing the strength of our community means we share our diverse perspectives, we push one another, we help one another problem-solve and we hold one another accountable.

This year's school is centered around continuing to build the community that it will take to achieve these outcomes for our preppies. Achieving our ambitious goals for students and our community will not happen without prioritizing diversity, equity and inclusivity in everything we do. Our community culture is rooted in a sense of belonging – ensuring that all members of our community can bring their authentic selves to this work in order to create the collaborative, focused and relationships-based spaces that will best support achieving our goals for our graduates.

Priorities for SY2018-2019

1. Purposeful academics to achieve more GROWTH across our community

We believe if we can help more students grow as readers and help more of our mathematicians achieve mastery on grade level content and ensure more of our families feel included in this work, we will be building a stronger community rooted in academic growth for every child. We believe if we are all using an aligned and rigorous curriculum and have the skills and habits to deliver key points with clarity and passion, collect data from students and offer high quality feedback and meaningful re-teach, we will truly be helping our entire community grow.

2. Community investment as a key to move DATA

We believe if we can continue to improve and invest in our community, more students will grow and thrive in our schools. We know that all students benefit from calm, predictable and consistent learning environments and will use this next year to continue to build just that in all of our spaces. By ensuring that our schools are ones where



students feel safe and cared about, are known as learners and people, where kindness and respect are prioritized, and everyone is connected to the community and clear on their responsibilities as members of the community, we will move our data for students in ways that support their future trajectories.

3. Strengthen our community through strategic DEVELOPMENT

We believe that if students and teachers are able to practice and apply skills across diverse contexts, they will grow. And we believe if we can use models of excellence, high quality feedback, goal setting and reflection, we can all reach high heights. We believe in our collective ability to work hard, grow and achieve success and are so lucky to be supported by a diverse community of reflective adults who prioritize students first within our community.

II. Let's Get Started!

We have ambitious academic goals for our students. At the heart of achieving these goals is establishing and maintaining a strong and united community in our building. To make this community a reality, we must remain highly motivated, energetic, focused and aligned to our school goals and priorities in service of our students and families. We look forward to working together with you to make this vision a reality and help all of our students this next year!