



2017
Opportunity **180**^o

END OF YEAR REPORT



In the past year, our team and board has gained clarity on what more Opportunity 180 must do in order to grow, launch, sustain and scale excellent educational opportunities for kids. We took a hard look at our past practices to see what we could learn from, what we needed to evolve to increase our impact, and how we could improve our practices to reach more kids.

We've made strong progress to support our vision by focusing our work on these four key areas:

Strengthen Opportunity 180 infrastructure
Engage families and advocate for equity
Invest in great organizations and leaders
Grow and launch great public schools

There is still much more work ahead of us, but we are making meaningful leaps that have brought us closer to our vision that 25,000 additional Clark County students are in a high-quality public school seat by 2025. We are hopeful that we can continue to deliver for the kids of Clark County.

Enclosed you will find more details on our work over the past year and what's to come. We look forward to more opportunities to hear reflections and feedback from our community to ensure we are operating with the greatest needs and highest impact in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jana Wilcox Lavin".

Jana Wilcox Lavin
Executive Director

CC: Opportunity 180 Board of Directors

END-OF-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of 2017, alongside our dedicated partners, our team accomplished the following:

**+ 1,200
High-Quality
Seats**

Added over 1,200 high-quality seats with a strong start to **Futuro Academy** and **Democracy Prep** at the Agassi Campus.

On our way to 25,000...
Total student impact to-date: 2,600



Increased access to information for families through the launch of a data portal that provides a clear snapshot of school performance data in English and Spanish.

Elevated parent voice in the education dialogue through the development and incubation of a parent-led family engagement and advocacy organization, RiseUp Nevada.



**504
High-Quality
Educators
Reached***

Utilized lessons learned from the first cohort of **TNTP Lead Nevada Academy** fellows to launch recruitment for the second cohort.

Invested in the incubation of a pilot innovation with our first **4.0 Schools Clark County fellow**.

Provided more than 20 educators with a new teacher leader development pathway, the **Teach Plus Policy Fellowship**.



Reframed our work to be more of a resource, and overhauled our website to connect families, educators and community members to opportunities to support and impact kids.

Streamlined our internal operating practices, realigned to directly support program efforts.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Families are coming together to begin to layer in a unified voice at the school, local and state policy level for high-quality educational opportunities for all kids.

We are actively leveraging strategies and actions to better learn from, innovate for, and serve families as critical partners to support the success of their kids and all kids. Our team is positioned to create the conditions for families to gain the knowledge and access they need to strengthen their role in schools.

Creating more access and strengthening the partnership between families and educators by launching an online data tool.

We launched a mobile-friendly data tool as an access point to share and help define school performance data for families— in English and Spanish (www.greatschoolsallkids.org).

In the first week, the data tool averaged **600** visits and an average engagement duration time that is twice that of the average website.

This tells us that Clark County families are eager to explore school performance and learn ways to use the information to effectively engage in their child's education. We continue to invite stakeholder input to inform the continuous evolution and improvement of the data tool.

IN THE NEWS

"Clark County Schools Data Easier to Access with New Online Portal"
Las Vegas Review-Journal, October 2017

Elevating parent voice by incubating a parent-operated coalition.

We elevated parent voice in the education dialogue through the development and incubation of a parent-led family engagement and advocacy organization, RiseUp Nevada (www.riseupnv.org).

RiseUp offers a unique perspective and outlet for families to engage in school quality and equity discussions and actions. RiseUp collaborates with organizations and community leaders to ensure family voices are heard by educators and policymakers. They are also conceptualizing a school improvement parent petition process to increase their influence on approaches to school improvement.

"There's no better time than now to bridge the gap between parents and schools in order to ensure a bright future for our children."

Alicia Blevins

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

We're doing more of what works by partnering with best-in-class organizations to identify, recruit, train and develop the leaders Clark County needs to transform students' lives.

TNTP Lead Nevada Academy. We are positioned for the launch of the second pilot class of the Lead Nevada Academy, and are reflecting on lessons learned from the first cohort of 8 teacher leaders. We hosted a breakfast to connect the first class of fellows to next steps to continue their newly developed impact on students.

of Educators Applied: 24 | Accepted Fellows: 8

4.0 Schools. We hosted a happy hour event for local educators to learn about two targeted fellowship opportunities with 4.0 Schools to expand their impact within their current classrooms, or to be placed into a pathway to launch and lead a slow-start public school.

We also invested in the incubation of a pilot innovation with our first 4.0 Schools fellow.

of Educators Applied: 4 | Accepted Fellows: 1

The Ryan Fellowship (Accelerate). The Accelerate Institute is preparing its first two principal fellows with the training and development to transform an existing low-performing Clark County school.

of Educators Applied: 40 | Accepted Fellows: 2

Building Excellent schools (BES). The first BES fellow operated school, Futuro Academy, is off to a strong start serving 116 K-1st grade students in East Las Vegas (see Schools one-pager for more information).

2017 BES-led schools, Nevada Prep and Nevada Rise, hosted their first family engagement event for 45 parents in East Las Vegas, both positioned to launch in 2018. 100% of invited parents showed up, and 35 submitted applications to the schools before leaving.

Our team continues to provide coaching and direct support to BES fellows to maintain focus and planning for launch to create more high-quality seats.

The fourth fellow is working to complete the fellowship. We are actively recruiting the fifth fellow.

of Educators Applied: 258 | Accepted Fellows: 4

(new!) Teach Plus.

We partnered with Teach Plus to offer a new teacher leader development fellowship to more than 20 educators across Nevada to increase their influence and impact in the policy development process. The funds for the program launch were a combination of two national policy and advocacy organizations, the Council of Chief State School Officers and Chiefs for Change. Both organizations have been deeply supportive of efforts to improve education in Nevada.

of Educators Applied: 182
(Competitive with Teach+ in CA!)

Accepted Fellows: TBD

50% of about 40 finalist candidates will move forward following interviews on January 14th.

Talent Pool Demographics:

28%

are educators of color
(for reference, according to NCES, Nevada teachers are 19.5% non-white).

45%

have greater than 10-years experience; 25% have 4 or less years of experience; 30% have 5-10 years experience.

82%

teach in schools with greater than 50% FRL (student receiving Free or Reduced-price Lunch). 63% teach in school with greater than 75% FRL.

504

local leaders
reached to-date.

These leaders can go on to form their own school or become a leader in their professional learning community.

GREAT SCHOOLS

Our first two portfolio schools are off to a strong start, and are at capacity with growing wait lists and interest from families who are exploring more options to find the best fit for their child.

FUTURO ACADEMY, founded by our first BES Fellow, Ignacio Prado, launched with 116 kindergarten and first-grade students in East Las Vegas; with a growing wait list of over 100 students eager for a seat. Futuro Academy provides an alternate option to students and families at Cambeiro Elementary School, a nearby Rising Star* school, as well as other overcrowded or underperforming neighborhood schools. Futuro plans to grow a grade per year until it is a fully enrolled kindergarten through eighth grade school.

100%

of enrolled Futuro students come from schools that are at 90-125% capacity.

73%

come from schools who rank the lowest within Nevada's School Performance Framework (1-2 stars, 2014).

We partnered with Futuro to host its first community open house night. A full house of nearly 100 Futuro families and community stakeholders came together to hear about what makes the school a great place for students and families to learn and be engaged.

"Really like how this school makes my child happy and ready for school every day. Thank you!"

"This is a wonderful place for my son to learn. He loves it!"

"Great school. Love all the staff. Proud to be part of the Futuro family."

-Futuro Academy 2017 Founding Families

DEMOCRACY PREP AT THE AGASSI CAMPUS (DPAC)

opened its doors this fall and is serving 85% of the same K-12 students from the prior year (1,136 students enrolled, with 179 on a wait list). DPAC was initially inspired by our efforts to create a community-wide strategy to address educational inequity. Impressed by their academic success in other cities, we invited DPAC to visit Clark County and learn about the landscape, and they were offered a partnership by the board at Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy to improve student achievement.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We are providing technical assistance and a strategic partnership to the approved operators joining our portfolio in school year 2018-19. These schools collectively are expected to serve more than 1,500 kids when they reach full capacity.



URBAN PREP ACADEMIES
WE BELIEVE.

We are grateful

to all of our community partners whose generosity and quality service helped make our school a reality. Our team has embraced the opportunity to serve the students and families of East Las Vegas, putting every child on the pathway to college.

Ignacio Prado

Director, Futuro Academy

*Rising Star School: a public school rated at the lowest 5% in the State in achievement and school performance.