

Supporting the Community School Implementation at Enrico Fermi School 17

As lead agency for the Enrico Fermi School 17 community schools implementation, CCSI works in partnership with students, families, teachers and the community to coordinate strategies for organizing the resources of the community around student success. It has been a successful school year with the help of over 65 partner organizations. With the second year of community school implementation coming to a close, we're seeing progress demonstrated in academic indicators, and engagement with families and community partners.

- Students are attending school consistently – There was a 10.4% reduction in chronically absent students year to date.
- Children are ready to enter school – 72 children were enrolled in School 17's onsite, full-day PreK3 and PreK4 programs.
- Neighborhood enrollment is up – 62.4% of the children in the PreK4 class live in the neighborhood surrounding School 17.
- Students are safer and more supported in school –
 - School 17 was removed from the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Persistently Dangerous Schools list.
 - The number of suspensions decreased from **2926** in 2015-16 to **981** in 2017-18.
- Students are actively involved in learning and their community – School 17's NYSED Growth Score doubled from **8** in 2014-15 to **16** in 2016-17.
- Families are increasingly involved – School 17 has a fully active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that is onsite at the school every day, and they have organized many school-wide events.



After talking to the parents who volunteer at the school, it is evident how much School 17 means to them and their children. Mr. Johnson is the father of three students at School 17, and he spends every day volunteering in his children's classrooms. He provides social emotional support and has a calm, loving presence in the building which has not only supported his children's achievement, but has created authentic relationships with many students. [Click here to watch a video](#) where Mr.

Johnson and his daughter, Kenyetta, talk about their experiences with School 17.

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