



## The Inspired Teaching School

A DC Demonstration Public Charter School

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### **Inspired Teaching Demonstration PCS Recognized as Top-Performing School**

**Washington, D.C.** — As a result of the efforts of students, teachers, staff, and administrators, the Inspired Teaching Demonstration School is recognized by the DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB) as a top-performing, Tier 1 school. The DC PCSB released today the 2017 School Quality Reports, which evaluate the performance of public charter schools in the District.

The Performance Management Framework (PMF) ranks charter schools into one of three tiers based on factors including student achievement, progress, attendance, re-enrollment, and teacher observations. There are 120 charter school campuses in DC and the Inspired Teaching Demonstration PCS is one of 50 to achieve Tier 1 status on the 2017 Performance Management Framework (PMF).

Head of School, Deborah Dantzer Williams, explains “Tier 1 status is a great accomplishment, and we are especially proud that we achieved this level while upholding our philosophy, remaining true to our mission, and employing a rigorous whole-child approach with opportunities for joyful exploration. Our student-centered teaching and learning model enables students to perform at high levels without sacrificing a well-rounded program.”

The Inspired Teaching School's results on the 2017 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), released by the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education, continue to place the school among the top performing public charter schools. The school's outcome is higher than both the city and the charter sector averages and remains committed to ensuring that all students perform at the highest levels. The school maintains a continued focus on providing exemplary instruction, elevating teaching excellence, and maintaining the joyful learning environment that distinguishes the Inspired Teaching Demonstration Public Charter School. Standardized testing is just one way to assess school performance and this school exemplifies that all aspects of an instructional program lead to students who will thrive in an ever changing world.

***About the Inspired Teaching School***

*The Inspired Teaching School opened in 2011 and serves students from PreSchool (3 year olds) through 8th grade from all eight election wards of DC. The Inspired Teaching Demonstration School implements the philosophy and instructional methodology of Center for Inspired Teaching, a DC-based educational organization that has served our city's teachers and students since 1995, with the goal of ensuring that teachers make the most of children's innate desire to learn. At the Inspired Teaching Demonstration Public Charter School, a professional learning community of master teachers and teacher residents ensures that a diverse group of students achieve their potential as accomplished learners, thoughtful citizens, and imaginative and inquisitive problem solvers through a demanding, inquiry-based curriculum. The standards-based curriculum and student goals are centered<sup>(1)</sup><sub>(SEP)</sub> on the 4 I's: Intellect, Inquiry, Imagination, and Integrity.*