

## Mission Moments: Director's Report 2/16/16

- 1) **10 year Charter Renewal:** The Office of Charter Schools will be visiting CPSC as part of the 10 year Charter Renewal Process. Our Charter will expire June 30, 2017 and the office has received our renewal documents, payment for renewal (\$500), the renewal request letter and has scheduled a site visit for Tuesday, February 16th.

The [Self Study Renewal Packet](#) was forwarded to the Office Of Charter School in December to assist the OCS in their compliance reports. The document is also attached.

- 2) **Economic Diversity Initiative Becomes State Policy:** North Carolina's Charter Advisory Board passed a policy on Monday to allow all charters to submit an application process similar to ours in order to add preference for students that would support the achievement of the school's charter and mission. In our case, we placed priority for low socioeconomic students based upon our charter's goal to reflect the brilliance of Durham County and leverage its differences for a more vibrant learning environment.

Our results so far have been encouraging. While we have ground to close, our low socioeconomic status students are the highest performing of all county charters. The [Economic Diversity Initiative Presentation](#) was presented at the Charter Advisory Board to share our policy, practice and results. The document is also attached. We will be partnering with the Office of Charter Schools to share our policy and practices to assist other charters in the process of becoming more economically diverse public schools. I will present our policy and practice at DPI's annual state conference, Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement in March.

- 3) **CPSC in the News:** WUNC radio ran two stories highlighting our work to design innovative an admission and application policy. The programs documented how our policy establishes economic diversity and increased accessibility, countering current trends in charters to become more segmented and less accessible.

[Exploring the Racial Imbalance in NC Charters](#)  
[Diversity Low Among NC Charters](#)

