



Camden Education Fund Announces \$1.1 Million Grant to Camden High Schools for *Supporting All Learners*



The Supporting All Learners Grant Program Identifies Initiatives at Five Camden High Schools Making Learning More Accessible to All Students

Yesterday, Camden Education Fund brought together five school partners at Camden Charter School Network - Camden Academy Charter High School to announce the 'Supporting All Learners' grant program, which will provide \$1.1 million to Camden high schools, including: Camden High School, Camden Prep High School, Camden Academy Charter High School, Mastery High School of Camden, and Eastside High School.

"If we are going to create a brighter future and achieve true educational equity for Camden, we must make sure ALL of our students have access to great teachers, curriculum, and resources," said Giana Campbell, CEO of Camden Education Fund. "We are providing this grant to local schools to do just that. To invest in areas that help schools and educators adopt strategies to increase equitable outcomes for students with disabilities and multilingual learners who may have historically had more trouble accessing resources."

Learn more about the event in the links and information below:

- Philadelphia Inquirer | [Camden schools will share \\$1.1 million in grants to help English learners and struggling students](#)
- TapInto Camden | [Camden Education Fund Gives \\$1.1 Million in Grants Aimed at Learning Disabilities English Learners](#)



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The grant program will provide programs and supports to approximately 400 Camden students across the five school grantees. All Camden high schools were invited to apply, with five schools ultimately identified that presented actionable plans on how to create more targeted learning opportunities for students who need differentiated programs and more supports. These targeted support plans specifically include: English language learner students, students with disabilities, and students who are behind or off track academically.

“This grant reflects a commitment to ensure that each and every Camden student has access to quality learning opportunities,” added Katrina T. McCombs, State District Superintendent of the Camden City School District. “We are so appreciative of the opportunity this will provide our schools to collaborate, learn from each other, and provide new and innovative ways to make sure all of our students are able to fully access curriculum and resources - no matter what background, language, skills, or previous experiences they bring into our classrooms.”



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The Center for Learner Equity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that students with disabilities have equitable access to a high-quality public education, is providing technical assistance to help school grantees set and reach goals. An example of goals and activities schools are engaging in include:

- **Camden Academy Charter School:** Enhance the academic experience and success of multilingual students.
- **Camden High School:** Increase student reading comprehension and math fluency skills through targeted support.
- **Camden Prep High School:** Improve the reading proficiency for students who are below grade level, receive special education services, or are English learners.
- **Eastside High School:** Create a schoolwide advisory system that engages multilingual learners and enriches the school experience of all students.
- **Mastery High School of Camden:** Develop a research-based, in-house employment and life skills program for students aged 18-21 with low incidence disabilities.



“The team of leaders at each participating school has demonstrated unwavering belief in the potential of ALL of their students” said Dr. Gretchen Stewart, Senior Director of Educational Leadership at the Center for Learner Equity (CLE). “It has been our privilege to collaborate with these schools as they build new programs, strengthen their evidence-based practices, and relentlessly use data to pursue transformative outcomes for their students.”

The event on Thursday featured a gathering of district leaders, grantee school leaders, students, and non-profit partners at Camden Academy Charter High School, with a speaking program that included leaders sharing details about the grant program, student performances from participating school, and a walk-through of two Camden Academy Charter High School classrooms that are already piloting their grant area focus to support multilingual learner students. The two classrooms featured Mr. Albright, 9th-grade Algebra teacher, and Mr. McDougald, 10th-grade U.S. History teacher, engaging students in collaborative activities to amplify student voice and better support the school’s growing English language learner population.



“We are grateful and excited to be a part of a cohort of schools working together to make sure ALL means ALL when we say we support all learners,” shared Dr. Joseph Conway, CEO of Camden Charter School Network. “We are using this grant to provide our educators with additional support and coaching to ensure our growing number of English Language Learner students are not only accessing curriculum and resources but are thriving and excited to share their stories in our classrooms in a way that prepares them for success in life.”

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