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EDUCATION

Transforming Education From Cradle To Career

Home on the Westside



Providing access to quality education is a cornerstone of our Home on the Westside program and continues the Westside tradition of breaking barriers in public education. In the 1920s, Booker T. Washington High School served as Georgia's first Black secondary school serving more than 5,000 students from across the Southeast, including Martin Luther King, Jr. The end of Jim Crow segregation led to depopulation in the 1960s.

The increasing concentration of poverty and subsequent disinvestment in public schools led to declines in school performance, further fueling economic decline and limiting opportunities for the remaining residents.

To disrupt this cycle, in 2017 we partnered with Atlanta Public Schools starting to support the Washington Cluster’s Hollis Innovation Academy, the district’s only PK-8 school.

We championed a model that emphasized the important leadership role of the school principal and provided extra teachers in the classroom, curriculum support and wrap-around services for students and their families. Hollis has emerged as one of the district’s fastest and highest performing turn-around schools. In 2019, we extended our investment to Booker T. Washington High School to strengthen the PreK-12 pipeline. Building on the momentum, we established an agreement in 2020 to support all five schools in the Cluster: **M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy, Hollis Innovation Academy, H.J. Russell West End Academy, and Booker T. Washington High School.**

Our objective is to boost student achievement across the Cluster through administrative, academic and staff support. We aim to improve public education in our footprint by ensuring all students attending school in the Washington Cluster have access to world-class STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education and integrated wrap-around support services.

The school leaders in our partner schools have created a purposeful education curriculum designed to help students acquire academic and interpersonal skills necessary for success in college, career, and community leadership.

Delivered in collaboration with Georgia Tech and Atlanta University Center schools, using methods such as small classrooms, hands-on learning, high academic expectations, and cutting-edge tools as determined by each principal, the Washington Cluster’s STEM curriculum is the first of its kind in the state, giving Westside children an innovative, new learning opportunity:

M. Agnes Jones Elementary School focuses on STEM/STEAM learning and service learning. The PreK-5 school is GADOE STEAM and COGNIA STEM certified.

Tuskegee Airman Global Academy delivers design thinking and STEM education to students PreK-5 and is GADOE STEM certified.

Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy opened in 2016 for students PreK-8 and offers Expeditionary Learning and STEM education.

Herman J. Russell West End Academy provides STEM education, arts, and leadership to grades 6-8.

Booker T. Washington High School’s new Ag-STEM program was inspired by the example of Booker T. Washington’s commitment to self-empowerment, scientific exploration, and community leadership.

Based on best practice for high-performing schools, our agreement with Atlanta Public Schools emphasizes working in partnership with the principal to provide the academic and staff support that increases academic success. Each school’s principal has the autonomy to hire exceptional staff and teachers to deliver a top-notch educational environment. Wrap-around support services range from a school-based community clinic that provides preventive medical and dental care to legal services that address housing insecurity and help families stay in place.

With these services, the vision of breaking the cycle of poverty through better opportunity is becoming a reality for the youngest residents on the Westside.



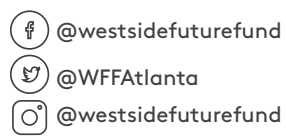
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We want high performing schools to be the expectation across our neighborhoods. You can amplify our ability to enrich the lives of students in the Washington Cluster with the kind of education that prepares them for success, creates racial equity and opens the door to economic opportunity for these young Atlantans. By supporting Westside Future Fund, you help strengthen the educational system that can significantly change life outcomes for generations.





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