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Dear Friends,

On June 8, I had the pleasure of attending the [White House My Brother's Keeper \(MBK\) Success Mentor Summit](#) alongside more than 200 leaders from the 30 communities that have committed to the **MBK Success Mentors Initiative**. My colleagues, Dr. Margo Ross and Dr. Beshon Smith, presented a lively and interactive session on peer mentoring, and CSS was offered as a key resource among other amazing organizations. We are so proud to be a part of this groundbreaking response to the challenge of chronic student absences in our country.



As we eagerly participate in efforts to bring school-based student supports to large scale, we also embrace opportunities to work deeply in our partner communities. To that end, I'm so pleased to share that CSS has been selected by **Jersey City Public Schools** as the Community School Managing Organization to implement a community school model at the Whitney M. Young School (PS #15). This work will complement our existing efforts in the district, which include implementing Peer Group Connection (PGC) at Dickinson and Lincoln High Schools.



Finally, I'm thrilled to share that CSS's founder, **Dr. Sharon Rose Powell**, has been featured in the latest issue of [Rutgers Magazine](#). Sharon developed PGC while studying for her doctorate at Rutgers' Graduate School of Education. As a middle school teacher, Sharon saw firsthand the disengagement students could experience as they progress through school. "We seem to lose them," she says. "They don't

have a sense of belonging; they're lost." This was what inspired Sharon to create PGC in 1979, and I'm honored to carry on her legacy with my CSS colleagues over 35 years later.

Please check out our [open positions](#) at CSS and join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel".

Daniel F. Oscar
CEO

P.S. As always, if you'd like additional information about anything you've read, simply hit reply and let me know. I look forward to hearing from you!