



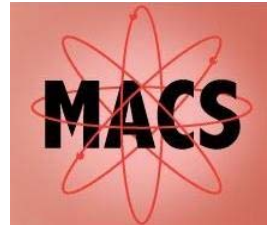
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Dear Friends,

Like many of you, *New York Times* articles about innovative approaches to education are always at the top of my reading list. So when David Kirp's article, [To Teach a Child to Read, First Give Him Glasses](#), came across my news feed, I grabbed my coffee and eagerly dove in.

Imagine my very pleasant surprise to read of the successes at Morris Academy for Collaborative Studies (MACS), one of our New York City partnership high schools located in the Bronx. In fact, you may remember that just last month we shared with you this wonderful [video](#) made by [Peer Group Connection \(PGC\)](#) peer leaders at MACS.

The article highlights recent significant improvements in attendance and graduation rates at MACS, and attributes much of this success to the school's participation in the New York City's bold and sweeping Community Schools initiative. CSS is proud to serve as lead Community Based Organization (CBO) at MACS (and ten other New City Schools), meaning that we work in partnership with the school's leadership, faculty, students, and families to set strategy and oversee services and programs designed to support the creation of a safer, more supportive, engaging, and inspiring environment for all.



Congratulations to Principal Mazzaroppi, Community School Director Anna Falkovich, and all of the other members of the MACS/CSS family who have contributed to these inspiring achievements!

Please check out [open positions](#) at CSS.

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!