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Dear Friends,

"Social and emotional learning cannot be an add-on. We don't have time for another add-on. It must be the lifeblood of schools."

Dr. Larry Leverett, Executive Director of the Panasonic Foundation

During his keynote address at the CSS-convened **Camden GradNation Community Summit**, held in Camden, New Jersey on October 13, Dr. Leverett powerfully called upon us all to infuse social and emotional learning (SEL) into every class period; into every student-teacher interaction; and into the hallways, lunchrooms, and gyms of all schools. SEL is not simply a 45-minute class, but must instead be present in everything we do, both academic and non-academic.



Along with many other engaging panels and talks, including a warm welcome from Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard of the Camden City School District, Dr. Leverett's words inspired the educators, youth, and community and business leaders from across New Jersey who joined CSS and event sponsors America's Promise Alliance, AT&T, and New Jersey Health Initiatives that day to help accelerate efforts to raise the high school graduation rate. Check out the pictures and other thoughts captured at this special event [here](#).



Delaware's **Dover High School** is taking important steps to ensure that SEL and student leadership are becoming part of the lifeblood of the school through [Peer Group Connection \(PGC\)](#), which was just featured in the Delaware State News. PGC peer leader Grace Yeung shared, "I think we really become not only role models to the freshmen, but peers to them." [Read more...](#)

Finally, our upcoming **webinar series** will feature students, faculty, and administrators from schools across urban, suburban, and rural communities that have partnered with CSS to integrate SEL and student leadership programming into the fabric of their schools. See [here](#) for details about upcoming sessions and please join us!

All the best,

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P.S. Please check out [open positions](#). And, 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.