



New partnerships, grants fuel continued growth



Pictured L to R: George Dailey, Controller, Provident Bank; Jane Kurek, Executive Director, The Provident Bank Foundation; Daniel Oscar, CEO, Center for Supportive Schools; Dr. Marcia Lyles, Superintendent of Schools, Jersey City Public Schools; Dr. Madga Savino, Director, Enterprise Division, Jersey City Public Schools; Catherine Nti, Executive Director, New Jersey, Center for Supportive Schools; Konstantin Yusipov, Market Manager, Provident Bank; and Chris Martin, Chairman, President & CEO, Provident Bank

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Dear Friends,

Sixty-seven schools across six states will work with CSS to help engage teachers and other caring adults to awaken their students' passion for leadership and help their schools become safer and more supportive, engaging, and inspiring. We are honored to be working closely with each of our new or renewed partner schools in Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Texas; see full list [here](#). In addition, I'm thrilled to share:

- **Federal grant for mentoring.** CSS has received a highly competitive multistate mentoring grant of over \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Justice to expand and enhance our peer leadership solution, [Peer Group Connection \(PGC\)](#), across six states: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. This is the third time CSS has been awarded a grant in this category and we are so pleased to continue building on this important work.
- **Bringing PGC to more Baltimore City schools.** CSS has been a proud partner to Baltimore City Public Schools since we launched our first PGC program in the city in 2012. In recognition of the compelling evidence that PGC has helped improve attendance, among other important outcomes, in our partner high schools in the district, City Schools is funding CSS to bring PGC to sixth and eighth graders in five Baltimore City middle schools this year. The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation will also support this important project. In addition, the Abell Foundation and Open Society Institute-Baltimore are partnering with CSS to bring PGC to Baltimore City students who have previously dropped out of school, are at a higher risk of dropping out of school, or have been previously incarcerated and have returned to school through the Baltimore City Public Schools Re-engagement Center.
- **Provident Bank Foundation invests in Jersey City.** I'm also delighted to announce that The Provident Bank Foundation has selected CSS as the recipient of the Foundation's \$50,000 Signature Grant for 2017 in the Education funding priority area. This funding will enable three Jersey City schools to participate in a statewide initiative known as Campaign Connect-New Jersey, which equips schools with the tools and resources to strengthen and transform their climate and culture to effectively meet the social and emotional needs of all students; accelerate student achievement; and create safer and more supportive, engaging, and inspiring learning environments for students.

Warmest wishes,

Daniel F. Oscar
CEO

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.