

## **HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMIES:**

Columbus City Schools (CCS) and Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT) are partnering to reimagine the seven (7) schools of the East High School feeder pattern into the Health Sciences Academies to foster successful outcomes for the children and families in the Near East Side community.

The leadership of CCS and PACT recognize that life outside of the school day can heavily impact a child's educational achievement and overall school experience. External factors such as unstable housing, high crime, and food insecurity can impede student success, particularly those living in areas of concentrated poverty. This partnership will link school improvement with a holistic neighborhood revitalization plan intended to tackle such external factors. Implementation will begin in the 2015-2016 school year.

### **Academic Hallmarks of all Health Sciences Academy (HSA) Schools:**

- All HSA schools will be defined by a culture of high expectations and a strong focus on the health sciences
- All HSA schools will have a vertically aligned, rigorous, health sciences curriculum steeped in project-based learning, blended classrooms and the immersion of health science professionals into the curricular fabric of each school
- All HSA schools will have a common mission, vision, norms and expectations

### **Non-Academic Hallmarks of all Health Sciences Academy (HSA) Schools:**

- All HSA students will be enveloped by an intricate web of educational interventions and wraparound services on the journey to graduation
- All HSA parents will have access to the Parent University which will serve as a school engagement tool to assist parents in developing the skills necessary to become educational partners with schools
- All HSA schools will have high-quality after school programs to provide extended learning opportunities for students, as well as other programs that will enhance the development of ALL students
- All HSA schools will serve as neighborhood hubs designed to serve the community beyond the traditional school day

## **2025 BOLD GOALS – ASPIRATIONAL OUTCOMES**

### **By the end of 2025 in ALL HSA Schools:**

- 100% of 3rd graders attending schools in the Pipeline will be reading on grade level
- 100% of students in the education Pipeline will be college or career ready
- Schools in the pipeline will rank in the top 10% of all state schools as measured by standardized tests (as tracked by accepted benchmarks formulated during the master planning process)
- Schools in the pipeline will rank in the top 10% of all state schools in closing the achievement gap as measured by the state report card
- 100% of students will graduate from high school. Prepared for college, to enter the military, to enter a career or to start a business
- 90% of parents will have meaningful contact with school personnel regarding their student's achievement at least 3 times per year (possible examples include - parent/teacher conferences, phone conference, attendance of school wide events, chaperoning etc.)
- 80% of children living in the PACT geography choose to attend the schools in the Near East Side feeder pattern

