



Carver Foundation of Norwalk

The Norwalk Board of Education is pleased to recognize the Carver Foundation of Norwalk. Carver is the largest provider of after-school programs for middle and high school students in Norwalk, and a primary partner of Norwalk Public Schools. Carver's college-prep after-school Youth Development Program is conducted at the Carver Community Center, Norwalk's four middle and two comprehensive high schools, and in Side-by-Side Charter School. Carver also operates summer and community programs including basketball leagues, annual college tours and traditional events. During the 2016-17 academic year, Carver served over 835 students.

Throughout the year, Carver works collaboratively with each NPS school principal to staff each school site program with certified teachers and non-certified teachers from each respective school. Community partners like CT Pre-engineering Program (CPEP), First Lego League (Robotics) and Maritime Aquarium bring project based STEAM activities to our students. Two late buses transport students to their neighborhood bus stop each day after the program ends.

In addition to successful after school programs, the Foundation served 721 students last summer. Affordable summer learning programs for five to 13-year-old students are available at the Carver Community Center and Columbus Magnet School. Freshman Summer Success Academies for grade 8 students transitioning into grade 9, and a summer learning experience for grade 5 students transitioning into West Rocks and Roton Middle School, are also offered free of charge. Additionally, the Foundation provides transportation to and from school during the summer programs, giving students the opportunity to gain familiarity with their bus stops. Students entering middle school and high school are given the opportunity to connect with future teachers, preparing them to arrive at school ready to learn.

Since 2005, 100 percent of Carver seniors have graduated high school, a majority who are first-generation college students. Eighty-three percent of Carver students have graduated from a two or four year college. Carver continues to support its student during college with mentoring and scholarships.

Carver's annual operating budget is currently \$3.6 million with diverse funding from federal, state, municipal, corporate, public and private foundations and individuals.

The Carver Foundation continues to strengthen its many offerings to Norwalk students, and hopes to expand its summer transition program in 2018.

The Board of Education is proud to honor Executive Director Novelette Peterkin and everyone at the Carver.