



PARKER CORE KNOWLEDGE  
CHARTER SCHOOL

*PCK is committed to building a solid foundation of knowledge and skills, while challenging each individual to become a critical thinker, responsible citizen and future leader.*

## STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT

October 12, 2011

### ACADEMIC

- PCK was recognized as a **John Irwin School of Excellence** and also received the **Distinguished Progress Award** from the State of Colorado for the 2010-11 school year.
- CSAP Highlights include: **1<sup>st</sup> in Math** in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **1<sup>st</sup> in Reading** in 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2011 was 1st in Reading, Writing and Math and tied American Academy STEM for 1<sup>st</sup> in Science as well**, demonstrating the success of the Core Knowledge Curriculum and the high quality education the students receive at PCK.

### OPERATIONS

- **PCK Preschool and Junior Kindergarten** are fully licensed; serving 121 students and growing.
- We welcomed **21 new staff members** this year to accommodate our new P-8 facility.
- The **elementary school** now has three classes per grade through 4th grade. By school year 2015-16, we will be at full capacity with three classes per grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The addition of the **dedicated middle school space** is proving to be a good strategic decision. The middle school climate has never been stronger, and the students are enjoying the experience of being in Middle School at PCK. They are managing the upkeep of their new space, following an Honor Code they created, forming clubs, organizing events, and serving our community in earnest.
- The new **carpool process**, which utilizes dual loops, is running very well.
- **SpringBoard** after-school care program was introduced and serves close to 35 students daily.
- A **new teacher evaluation process** will be implemented this year to reflect both performance and student growth.
- Internal and external communication is a top priority with **technology and innovation** as our primary focus.

### FISCAL

In 2010-2011, the school's actual **revenues from the state were cut 5.4%** on a per pupil basis. This decrease was offset by the addition of one student per class (24) as well as expense reduction and salary and benefit freezes.

State funding **will be cut by an additional 4.8 %** in 2011-2012. In order to address these reductions, the Operating Council made significant changes to the school. The addition of a middle school wing allows PCK to increase each grade by 24 students over time and to provide a dedicated middle school space for middle school students. Additionally, the increase in space has given PCK the opportunity to offer 36 full-time kindergarten spots and open a pre-school which support the school both financially and academically. These **strategic adjustments are expected to offset the falling state revenues which will allow the school to continue to operate with a positive net revenue.**

### STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

- **Premier P-8 School in DC**—Academic Growth, PCK Culture
- **Business/Community Relationship Development**—Community Networking and Marketing, Foundation
- **Increase Financial Independence**—Program Profitability, New Sustainable Revenue Opportunities
- **Maintain Quality Facility**—Carpool System, Parking
- **Organizational Structure**—Strategic Planning to Address Growth