



2019 PHASE I: Letter of Intent

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Basic Contact and Application Information

New Applicant groups and Existing Education Corporations interested in submitting an application to establish Regents-authorized charter schools are asked to complete this brief information sheet. The Department will use this information to plan and coordinate peer review panels with appropriate expertise to evaluate all application materials.

Please indicate whether a New Operator Applicant Group (which does not operate a Regents-authorized charter school or does not operate any schools currently) or an Existing Education Corporation (which operates one or more Regents-authorized charter schools) is submitting this Round 1 Letter of Intent.

New Operator Applicant Group (operating no charter schools at all or in New York or not operating Regents-authorized charter schools)

Proposed Charter School Name

(Please write out the full name of the proposed new charter school, and include the words "charter" and "school" in the naming).

Proposed School Name	Nickel City Preparatory Charter School
Grades Served (K-5, .6-8, 9-12, etc.) During Initial 5 year Term	K-5
Max Number of Students During Initial 5 year Term	324

Proposed or Current Board Chair and Public Contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and email address.

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	First and Last Name	Best Phone Number (###-###-####)	Email Address
Proposed/Current Board Chair	Machael Sherry		
Public/Media Contact Person	Brianna Lanoye		

List of Key Design Elements

List the key design elements which are those features of the school that are innovative or unique to the school's mission and goals, are core to the school's overall design, and critical or integral to its success. The design elements may include a specific content area focus; unique student populations to be served; specific educational programs or pedagogical approaches; unique calendar, schedule, or configurations of students and staff; and/or innovative organizational structures and systems. Approved schools will be accountable for implementation of the key design elements included in their charter.

1	Kindergarten is the first step to college.
2	High-quality instruction drives academic achievement.
3	Values-based education drives leadership.
4	Data-driven instruction leads to student academic achievement.
5	Partnerships with families are paramount.
6	(No response)
7	(No response)

If available, please provide the URL to the website established for the proposed school or existing education corporation.

www.nickelcityprep.org

Proposed Management and/or Partner Organization(s), such as a charter or educational management company or a university, academic program partner, or whole school change partner.

(Refer to the application kit for definitions and guidance as only "substantial" partnerships should be listed here).

Proposed Management Company	(No response)
Partner Organization 1	(No response)
Partner Organization 2	(No response)

Proposed Board Chair Signature

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Date

2019/04/03

Thank you for completing this form.

NICKEL CITY PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY

I. Applicant Group Information¹

- a. **Applicant Group:** Please see **Table 1** and **Attachment 5a**.
- b. **Public Contact:** Brianna Lanoye, (716)-531-0316, blanoye@buildingexcellentschools.org
- c. **Application History:** No member of the applicant group has applied to this or another charter entity to open this proposed school or another charter school, either in or outside of NY State.

II. Proposed Charter School Information

- a. **Proposed school name:** Nickel City Preparatory Charter School
- b. **Proposed school mission statement:** Through high-quality instruction, rigorous curriculum, and values-based education, Nickel City Preparatory Charter School educates kindergarten through fifth grade students with the academic and ethical foundation necessary to excel in college and lead in our community.
- c. **Proposed school location:** Nickel City Preparatory Charter School (“Nickel City Prep”) proposes to locate in the 14207 zip code within the Riverside neighborhood. We will lease space and are exploring three potential sites within 14207 and will work with local real estate experts to ensure we secure a suitable facility that meets all of our students’ needs. Proposed Board Members Jason Zwara and Jody Valdés have 20 years of combined facility experience which we will leverage to finalize a safe, affordable, and appropriate option.
- d. **Target population/community served:** The target population are students in the 14207 zip code within the Riverside neighborhood which has a population of 23,552 and is growing due to ongoing resettlement of refugees. “Last year, 1,600 refugees were resettled in Buffalo. Journey’s End resettled 418 of them. This year, the expected number of refugees coming to Buffalo is 2,000. The refugee populations living in Buffalo come from Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Liberia, and Cuba.”² According to the *New Americans Study*, Buffalo has seen an increase of 22,000 refugees and immigrants from 2006-2013.³ With the Multilingual Learner (“MLL”) and English Language Learner (“ELL”) populations in Buffalo growing, students require additional time and supports to develop foundational English skills. Currently, MLLs/ELLs significantly underperform all other subgroups in Buffalo, scoring 2% proficient on New York State Assessments.

Median household income in 14207 is \$26,448, with 42% of the population and 70% of single-parent households living in poverty; 76.5% of residents have a high school degree or higher; 13.5% hold a Bachelor’s degree or higher; 2,189 children are under the age of five and 1,988 between five and nine, indicating a high level of need for strong elementary school options.⁴

¹ N.Y. Education Law § 2851(2)(m) . <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/A56>. "

² “Refugee Resettlement.” *Journey’s End* Summer 2018. <http://jersbuffalo.org/>. "

³ Bessel, Daine, et al. “The City of Buffalo.” *New Americans Study* January 2016. <http://www.buffalony.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2135/City-of-Buffalo-New-Americans-2016-Study>. "

⁴ 2010 U.S. Census Bureau. <https://factfinder.census.gov>. "

Currently, Buffalo Public Schools (“BPS”) educates 31,398 K-12 students. The population is 47.2% African American, 20.2% White, 19.1% Hispanic or Latino, 9% Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, 3.6% Multiracial, and 0.8% American Indian or Alaskan Native; 16% of students are ELLs representing over 80 different languages. Students with disabilities make up 23% of the population and 79% of all students are economically disadvantaged.⁵ New York State assessment data from 2018 indicates that 23% of students enrolled in grades 3-8 are proficient in ELA and 21% are proficient in math. These rates persistently lag behind the New York State proficiency rates of 45% for both Math and ELA.⁶ All sub-groups underperform the rest of the student population; on the 2017-2018 NYS ELA results, 18% of African American students, 16% of Hispanic or Latino students, 8% of students with disabilities, and 4% of ELLs scored proficiently.⁷ African American students represent the majority of the population of students in our community; less than one in five are scoring proficiently. On average, non-economically disadvantaged students perform three times better than those who are economically disadvantaged.⁸

Our community engagement has shown that along with a clear need, the community desires a high-quality, small elementary school option. Currently there is one K-12 school, one K-8, one PK-4, one PK-8, and three high schools in 14207. None are high-performing; West Hertel Academy is a priority school, with 12% ELA and 9% Math proficiency rates.⁹ Nickel City Prep is designed to meet the needs of an MLL/ELL population through our use of two teachers dedicated to each classroom, daily small group interventions, use of data to effectively differentiate instruction for student needs, extended instructional time for literacy, and extended learning minutes for the development of strong oral, reading, and writing fluency.

e. ' **Planned grades and enrollment:** In year 1, we will enroll 81 kindergarteners and 27 first graders.¹⁰ We will use a slow growth model, adding one grade level of 54 students¹¹ each subsequent year until we have grown into a K-5 school with total enrollment of 324 students.

Projected Enrollment Table Over the Charter Term ¹²						
Grades	Ages	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22	2022 23	2023 24
K	4-5	81	54	54	54	54
1 st	5-6	27	81	54	54	54
2 nd	6-7		27	81	54	54
3 rd	7-8			27	81	54
4 th	8-9				27	81
5 th	9-10					27
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⁵ <https://data.nysed.gov/profile.php?instid-800000052968>. "

⁶ Ibid. "

⁷ Ibid. "

⁸ Ibid. "

⁹ Ibid. "

¹⁰ Enrollment numbers are based on conversations with various charter schools in the area, including West Buffalo and Persistence Prep that " both sited difficulty in enrolling first graders since they were already enrolled in other schools. We expect Kindergarten to be our main grade of " entry but do want to provide grade 1 as well for those families who have expressed such need and who may have more than one child. "

¹¹ We move from 81 to 54 enrolled new seats in kindergarten to (1) control for fiscal health in year 1 and (2) control for overall small school size, " shown instrumental for student success in a high-need community. "

¹² N.Y. Education Law § 2851(2)(p). "

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Totals	4	10	108	162	216	270
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f. ' **Proposed management and/or partner organization(s):** We are supported by Building Excellent Schools (“BES”), a national nonprofit that trains leaders to found and lead high-quality urban charter schools. While not a formal partner, BES has and continues to support our programmatic design, governance/accountability, and school leadership. We will work with BES for, at minimum, the planning year and first two years of operation. BES has no legal or financial interest in the proposed charter school.

g. ' **Replication:** While not applicable, Lead Founder Brianna Lanoye has studied 30+ high-performing urban charter schools with BES and has completed Leadership Residency at RISE Prep Mayoral Academy, a high-performing charter school in Woonsocket, RI¹³, founded, incubated, and supported through BES. At RISE Prep, Ms. Lanoye studied curriculum design, operational systems, community outreach, small-group instruction, literacy and math instructional practices, and strong fiscal management. Such study informs this proposal.

h. ' **School overview:** Nickel City Prep is a proposed K-5 elementary school that will provide a high-quality option for the Riverside community in Buffalo. Students will develop a strong academic and ethical foundation which will allow them to excel in middle school, high school, college and become leaders in our community. We are guided by five core beliefs.

Belief 1: Kindergarten is the first step to college. We believe that all children deserve an education that prepares them to attend the college of their choice: that path to college begins in kindergarten. Research shows that high school graduation and college readiness can be determined by reading proficiency scores at the end of third grade.¹⁴ We know that having a strong foundation in literacy allows students to gain access to complex text and concepts in middle and high school and provides future access to higher education and professional opportunities. We will extend and prioritize literacy instruction through 210 daily minutes of whole group, small group, and individualized literacy instruction to best ensure students are reading at or above grade by the end of two years of matriculation with us. We will surround students with messages that they will go to college, adorning our walls and hallways with college pennants, naming our classrooms after universities, and reciting college chants throughout the school. Community members from specific colleges will visit to interact with our students and we will tour a college campus annually with our families and students. A strong foundation begins in kindergarten and is first shaped by the question, “What will our students need to know by 5th grade in order to be prepared for a strong middle school experience and high school success, which will then put them on the path to having equitable access to and success with college level material?” We have designed our school model to

¹³ RISE Prep Mayoral Academy, founded by BES Fellow Rosalind Da Cruz, has K-3 and will continue to expand using a slow growth model until " full K-8. All grades perform above 70th percentile in Math & Reading; grade 2 is achieving 79% in Reading and 96% in Math. "

¹⁴ Annie E. Casey Foundation. “Learning to Read: Early Warning.” 2010. 63.8% is the current graduation rate in Buffalo. "

work backwards from that question to ensure that all populations of students can matriculate from grade five to enter their middle school of choice, on their way to college.

Belief 2: High-quality instruction drives academic achievement. High-quality instruction begins with high-quality teachers. “We know that improving teacher quality is one of the most powerful ways - if not *the* most powerful way - to create better schools. Give high-need students three highly-effective teachers in a row and they may outperform students taught by three ineffective teachers in a row by as much as 50 percentile points.”¹⁵ Within a competitive human capital market, we will begin the hiring process in November to secure mission-aligned teachers ready to begin the school year the following August.¹⁶ Our coaching and development of teachers will begin with 21 days of summer professional development focused on our college-bound mission, our GRIT values of Growth, Responsibility, Integrity, and Team, the modeling and practicing of key systems and routines, internalizing curriculum and lesson structures, establishing strong classroom management skills, and using effective and differentiated practices and our RTI system to reach all learners. Throughout the year, teachers will engage in weekly professional development to further develop Nickel City Prep’s foundational instructional strategies, including using data to inform daily, weekly, and cyclical instructional practices. Our coaching model relies heavily on live coaching which is focused on providing immediate feedback so that it can be acted upon and adjusted in real time instead of after a lesson when it would be less impactful to improving all student outcomes.

Belief 3: Values-based education drives leadership. We will provide all students with an ethical foundation in addition to an academic foundation. Students will take ownership over their actions and their impact on the community and will become leaders in the classroom and beyond.¹⁷ Through the use of visual aids, role playing, reading, partner discussions, and weekly recognition of students who have demonstrated our values in school, every morning students and staff will discuss our GRIT values. These values will live within classroom expectations, the professional development of teachers, and our school discipline plan. They will help students learn how to persevere, feel empowered to do their work to the best of their ability, act with honesty and do the right thing, be accepting, kind to, and supportive of others - ultimately having and following a moral code that will inform all of their lives.

Belief 4: Data-driven instruction leads to student academic achievement. Instruction must be intentional to meet the needs of all populations of students. We will use data to determine what standards students have mastered and in what standards they need support. We will collect, analyze, and respond to data on a frequent, reliable basis. We will analyze daily exit tickets, weekly quizzes, monthly interim data, 3-times-per-year data from the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress in Reading Comprehension and Math, and 5-times-per-year data from the Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress literacy assessment. After each major assessment, we will conduct a Data Day that will allow leadership and teachers the dedicated, prioritized, and immediate time to assess student

¹⁵ “The Widget Effect” TNTP. 2009. <https://tntp.org/publications/view/the-widget-effect-failure-to-act-on-differences-in-teacher-effectiveness>

¹⁶ “Greenhouse Schools in Boston” TNTP. 2014. <https://tntp.org/publications/view/greenhouse-schools-in-boston>

¹⁷ Values-based education are proven effective in many high-quality charter schools such as RISE Prep Mayoral Academy and Rochester Prep in Rochester, NY. <https://www.riseprepri.org/> <http://rochesterprep.uncommonschoools.org/>.

work, adjust instruction accordingly, and inform strategic small group instruction. Under the direction and support of the Head of School, teachers will be provided with 81 hours across the year for analyzing assessments to create individualized student supports.

Belief 5: Partnerships with families are paramount. Parents in the Riverside community are seeking a small elementary school option that clearly and regularly communicates their child’s academic and behavioral progress.¹⁸ Research shows that such communication with families regarding a child’s progress in school yields stronger long-term student achievement.¹⁹ Our school design prioritizes and systematizes consistent and regular communication with parents regarding their student’s academic progress. The first step in building strong relationship with families begins with annual Home Visits which allow school leaders to “understand the hopes of the family and clearly outline the expectations of the school.”²⁰ After establishing this personal relationship with each family, we then hold a Parent Orientation to focus on the core elements of the school and our partnership on behalf of their children’s success. We will strengthen this relationship through daily communication logs to allow parents and teachers to communicate specific information to one another in a timely manner²¹, monthly newsletters, and monthly parent events focused on student growth and achievement, reinforcing a mission-driven partnership between home and school.

III. 'Enrollment and Retention Strategies

- a. ' **Recruitment and Enrollment Strategies:** We have chosen the Riverside community as our proposed location. Through our community outreach that began in August 2018, we have engaged with local families, students, leaders, community organizations, and elected officials to ensure that we are incorporating feedback from all stakeholder groups. Through these interactions, the need for a high-quality K-5 option became overwhelmingly apparent. With dedication to all students in our community, all enrollment policies will comply with all federal and state requirements, providing equal access to application for all students regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, language, or disability. We have chosen to be a specific option for Riverside and will implement enrollment strategies to represent the demographics of our community, where 20%+ of students have disabilities, 17%+ are ELLs, and ~90% qualify for free or reduced lunch. To ensure that we are recruiting all students, including those with disabilities, ELLs, and economically disadvantaged students, we have and will continue to work with organizations that already interact with, support, or represent these subgroups, widely sharing information about Nickel City Prep. To date, we have attended **22** community events, held **13** tabling events and **2** information sessions, conducted **2** public meetings, and spoken to **100+** parents with age-eligible children. To recruit MLLs/ELLs, all recruitment materials have been translated into Spanish, which accounts for 34% of the multilingual population in Buffalo (see **Attachment 2a**). We have attended Buffalo Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Team Meetings and Multicultural Church Services at the River Rock Church to

¹⁸ Responses from 20 families in the Riverside community who have school-aged children. "

¹⁹ "How Parent Involvement Affects Student Achievement." Center for Public Education. 2011.

<http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/research/back-school-how-parent-involvement-affects-student-achievement> "

²⁰ Joelle Formato, Founder and Head of School of Persistence Preparatory Charter School in Buffalo, NY spent time with each family over the " summer before the first day of school and based that approach on such schools as those named in footnote 15. "

²¹ High-quality schools like Purpose Prep in Nashville, TN and Brooke Charter Schools communicate daily with parents through a daily report. "

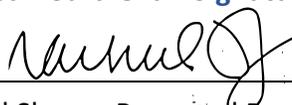
reach out to the MLL/ELL community and by conducting a survey and Q&A session with the Burmese Congregation that was translated by Hao Paw. To ensure we are recruiting students with disabilities, we thus far have attended two events at the Autism Society of Western New York and have spoken to families of students with disabilities at Head Start programs and day care centers to ensure they know that Nickel City Prep serves all students. To recruit economically disadvantaged students, we have distributed flyers to the locations and met with the leaders of Hearts for the Homeless and the Hope House, both of which work with local homeless families. We will continue and expand all enrollment strategies going forward.

- b. **Retention Strategies:** We have established a 95% annual retention metric. We will achieve this goal by deeply and systematically investing our families and students in our mission and have prioritized parent involvement and communication, as research shows that engaged parents leads to increased retention. Prior to day 1, the Head of School will conduct Home Visits for each newly enrolled family and the school will hold a Parent Orientation to ensure all families know the expectations of the school and reinforce alignment to the mission. Parents will be invited to have monthly coffee with the Head of School where they can provide feedback to the school leader. We will hold monthly college nights where we will invite representatives from local colleges/universities, plan annual trips to local colleges and universities, or celebrate our students' success on the path to college that begins in Kindergarten. Retention of MLLs/ELLs and students with disabilities is mission-critical. We will translate materials and use translators through the Language Line when communicating with families. We will have a strong academic and behavioral RTI program for students who need varying levels of interventions and supports. Our data driven culture and targeted interventions will allow us to provide accurate groupings of students with the appropriate level of targeted support. We will have a robust staff to support our special populations, including those with disabilities MLLs/ELLs, and who are homeless in all years, including NY licensed special educators, certified TESOL teachers, and a social worker.

IV. Public Outreach and Community Support

- a. Our public outreach to date can be found in **Table 2: Public Outreach Information** (attached).
- b. Since September 2018, we have met with 70+ community organizations and received feedback to inform the school design. We have distributed 200+ flyers to community members and have received feedback from 100+ parents and 30+ students. Parent feedback has prioritized high-quality instruction, support for all types of learners, values-based education, college preparatory curriculum, and parent communication. We will continue to frequent community centers and libraries in Riverside for information meetings and feedback. We are planning an event for May with the Buffalo Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Taskforce to ensure translators are available to obtain critical feedback from our parents of ELL students. We will keep parents engaged through monthly newsletters and social media.

V. Proposed Board Chair Signature and Date



Michael Sherry, Proposed Board Chair

04/02/19

Date



Table 1: Applicant Group Information

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Must include a minimum of 5 members proposed as Trustees

Applicant Group Information

	Name/Phone/Email Address	Current Employment	Relevant Experience/Skills and Role on Applicant Group	Proposed Role in School (e.g., trustee, employee, none)	Proposed Position on Board (Officer, Trustee, Constituent Rep)
1	Brianna Lanoye [Redacted]	BES Fellow	Instructional Leadership; Curriculum Development	Proposed Head of School	Ex officio, non-voting member
2	Tara Craig [Redacted]	Assistant Director, Martha Mitchell Community Center	Family Advocacy with Multiple Social Service Agencies; Community Program Planning, Coordination, and Implementation	Trustee	Trustee
3	Naomi Pabon-Figueroa [Redacted]	Manager of Marketing and Outreach at Literacy New York	Marketing; Community Outreach; Fund Development; Management	Trustee	Proposed Secretary
4	Wayne Robinson [Redacted]	Special Advisor, Baird Foundation	Improvement of Business Operating Performance and Profitability; Program Administration; Financial Planning/Analysis	Trustee	Proposed Treasurer
5	Machael Sherry [Redacted]	Senior Vice President,	Consultation for Foundations and Charter Schools; Strategic Planning; Board	Trustee	Proposed Chair

		Catapult Consulting LLC	Development; Curriculum Design and Implementation		
6	Jody Valdés	Communications Consultant	Communications Planning; Strategic Planning; Bilingual; Marketing; Public Relations	Trustee	Trustee
7	Jason Zwara	Policy Manager, National Association of Charter School Authorizers	Management of Legislative Monitoring; Analysis of State and Federal Policy Research; Budget Management; Governance	Trustee	Proposed Vice Chair
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Application History

Identify whether any member of the current applicant group has ever applied to this or another charter entity to open this proposed school or another charter school, either in New York State or outside of New York State. Indicate the date on which the application(s) was/were submitted and to which charter entity; briefly describe the outcome of the charter entity's decision; and provide a concise description of significant modifications made in this application (if applicable).

No member of the current applicant group has ever applied to this or another charter entity to open this proposed school or another charter school, either in New York State or outside of New York State.

Table 2: Public Outreach Information

Date(s) of Outreach (mm/dd/yy)	Target Stakeholder Group	Description of the Outreach	Location of Outreach	Input Obtained	Action Taken on Input	Number of Attendees
9/10/2018	Teach For America Buffalo, nonprofit educational programs	Met to discuss partnering for future events and recruiting talent from TFA.	Acropolis-OPA 708 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	The needs of students in Buffalo as seen through best practices learned through teachers in TFA.	Met with the Executive Director, Katie Campos, the Manager of Development & Communications, Desmond Rudd, and the Manager of Recruitment, Alumni, & Partnerships, Emmanuel Price, on separate occasions to discuss the academic landscape in Buffalo and solutions to navigating it. Suggested reaching out to Say Yes to Education in order to see what programs are in place already and how we can learn from them. Reached out to Say Yes and set up a meeting with Tanya Staples.	6 (3 TFA Staff members and 3 BES fellows)
9/11/2018	Buffalo Prep, education leaders	Met to discuss what academic pieces our scholars are missing, since he is a board member for Buffalo Prep.	Spot Coffee 765 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Literacy levels are often times 2-4 grade levels below what they should be.	Reached out to other people affiliated with Buffalo Prep to see what other areas of academic need they are observing.	2
9/11/2018	Buffalo Public School Students	Met to interview Halimatus Maisha and her sisters about a typical school day and what support they need as English Language Learners.	Halimatus Maisha's House 31 Keystone St. Buffalo, NY 14211	Often times English Language Learner support classes are canceled and they don't receive extra support to understand the curriculum.	Reached out to Buffalo Immigrant Leadership Taskforce to discuss solutions in education for our ELL students.	7
9/12/2018	Buffalo ABLE Program	Met to discuss ABLE's role in Buffalo Public Schools and to discuss academic programs they are training their staff on.	Perk's 448 Elmwood	There is not the pipeline necessary to fill the spots that ABLE has available. They are looking as to how they can	Reached out the ABLE Coordinator Annise Celano to discuss action planning for the ABLE program and	2

			Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	partner with the 21 universities and colleges to encourage people to do a year of service. They are considering cutting it down to half year of service in schools.	how to ensure that we can keep their support for Nickel City Prep.	
9/12/2018	Katie Schneider, foundation leader	Met to discuss Say YES' role in closing achievement gaps in Buffalo.	Betty's 370 Virginia St. Buffalo, NY 14201	There are mentorship programs and college scholarship programs that are now being offered to Buffalo Public School students but is unsure if they extend to charter school students.	Set up a meeting with David Rust to discuss the possibility of scholarships for the scholars of Nickel City Prep.	2
9/13/2018	Marsha Sullivan, school leader	Met to discuss exemplary models of academics at Nardin Academy.	Nardin Academy 135 Cleveland Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	The school leader discussed the importance of teaching our students 21 st century skills in the curriculum to prepare students for college.	Set up a follow-up meeting to study culture of the school and contacted Bak USA to discuss technology in the classroom.	2
9/13/2018	Alexander Bertland, community member	Met to discuss partnerships with colleges and university tours.	Perk's 448 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222	There are Saturday campus tours that are available, but we can schedule weeknight tours if that works best for the families.	Keep in contact with Alexander Bertland to schedule a tour for 2020.	2
9/13/2018	Annis Celano, community leader	Met to discuss the ABLE program and adjustments to increase applicants.	Spot Coffee 1406 Hertel Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216	City Year is taking over a similar program and ABLE attempted to partner with them, but they were not keen to the idea. Instead they are focusing on 6 month, or even 24 week commitments.	Keep in contact for future collaboration.	2
9/14/2018	Doug Zschiegner, community member	Met to discuss Niagara University alumni role in supporting the school.	Niagara University 5795 Lewiston Rd. Niagara University, NY 14109		Scheduled a meeting with Thembi Duncan, the director of education at Shea's to discuss collaboration for the school.	2

9/14/2018	Gail Mitchell, TFA Trustee	Met to discuss TFA Buffalo's role in developing teachers for urban schools.	Spot Coffee Main Street # 4, Williamsville, NY 14221	Gail spoke about what qualities are necessary in teachers so that they can do what is best for students.	Met with other board members of TFA (Lenora Foote, Rashied McDuffie, Anne Joyce, Jen Hetrick) to discuss TFA Buffalo's role in providing high quality teachers to support the school.	2
9/17/2018	Buford Sears/ Liz Gurney/ First Niagara Foundation	Met to discuss funding for the school.	First Niagara Foundation 726 Exchange St. Suite 701, Buffalo, NY 14210	Need to apply to these foundations to get grants for educational initiatives, like providing computers to encourage Reading 21 st Century Skills.	Set up a meeting with the Baird Foundation and Cullen Foundation to discuss their role in education in Buffalo and what their vision is for reform.	3
9/17/2018	Tanya Staples, Say Yes Buffalo community leader	Met to discuss the common problems that were identified by the Say Yes program.	Say Yes Buffalo 712 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14202	Need to prioritize literacy	Reevaluated my curriculum section to ensure literacy is prioritized	5
9/18/2018	Tara Craig, Martha Mitchell Community Center Assistant Director	Met to discuss collaborating with the MMCC for activities.	Martha Mitchell Community Center 175 Oakmont Ave. Buffalo, NY 14215	Need to include families in the conversation.	Added protocol for family communication to the first draft of teacher handbook.	4
9/18/2018	Marcia O'Neil White/ Anne Joyce education leaders	Discussed Buffalo Prep's role in Buffalo and how it can support Nickel City Prep.	Spot Coffee 4610 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14226	Need to look at literacy programs and ensure that the school holds literacy paramount to all.	Researched various curriculum including Step Up to Writing, Lucy Calkins, and Bookworms. Choosing Lucy Calkins to support scholars.	3
9/20/2018	Rashied McDuffie, education reform leader	Reaching out to political figures in Buffalo.	Golden Cup Coffee 1323 Jefferson Ave. Buffalo, NY 14208	Need to engage the pastors and preachers in the work.	Attended Antioch Baptist Church with Preacher and Councilmember Ulysses O. Wingo and spoke to him afterwards in supporting our mission. He invited me to attend again with my BES colleagues and spoke about the educational reform	4

					that we are helping in Buffalo during sermon.	
9/20/2018	Hadassa Bachelor, school leader	Identifying common academic struggles with students in Buffalo Public Schools.	Undergrounds Coffee House 580 South Park Ave. Buffalo, NY 14210	Need to ensure a system to hold staff accountable.	Accentuated high-quality instruction as key part of the design and working on creating a teacher coaching protocol.	2
9/21/2018	Carolyn Welch, Educational Director of WEDI	Passed out flyers to the WEDI office on Grant St.	WEDI Buffalo 436 Grant St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Need to think about how to keep students in school longer.	Structured extended hours of the school day and going to partner with the FLY program that WEDI offers.	3
9/21/2018	Desmond Rudd, TFA Buffalo	Have volunteered at various TFA events with Desmond Rudd.	Golden Cup Coffee 1323 Jefferson Ave. Buffalo, NY 14208	Need to ensure board and staff are mission-aligned.	Added more mission alignment questions to interviews for prospective board members.	2
10/2/2018	Artia Sethi, Thread Program, community leader	Heard about the work that the Thread Program is doing for students and reached out to leader within the program.	Phone Conference	Need to emphasize literacy within academic program.	Reviewed literacy program in application to ensure it is comprehensive.	2
10/4/2018	Brian Zrarek Buffalo Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Taskforce (BILT), community leader	Sent an email and called to set up phone meeting.	Phone Conference	Need for schools to abide by part 154b to provide proper ELL services.	Read part 154b and made sure process in application aligns to the proper protocol. Reached out to Jerry and Rayne Manuel who work with Buffalo Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Taskforce.	2
10/8/2018	Sam Radford, education leader	Sent an email to set up a phone meeting.	Phone Conference	Need to attract talent from other areas and train them under vision.	Reached out to recommended community leaders: Bishop Prigeon, Matt Enstice, Jim Sampson, and Dr. Gallagher. Researched various talent pools that exist in Buffalo including, City Year, TFA, and	2

					education programs at local colleges and universities.	
10/10/2018	Matt Enstice Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, business leader	Recommended by Sam Radford, so reached out via Linked In.	Phone Conference	Need to create coalition of educators that are working together in the charter movement.	Reached out to recommended community centers: King Center Charter School, Better Together Coalition, Innovation Center to create partnerships and begin dialogue of working together for our students.	2
10/11/2018	Adrienne Adger, Open Buffalo	Recommended by Tara Craig of the MMCC, so I reached out via email.	Spot Coffee 765 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222	Need to have teachers of color with our students.	This will always be a priority during the hiring process for Nickel City Prep. Reached out to other members of Open Buffalo.	2
10/13/2018	Stan Simmons, Buffalo State College, University Partners	Recommended by Arielle Peterson.	Buffalo State 1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222	Need to present at Rotary Club to gain community support.	Presenting at Rotary Club in March.	3
10/15/2018	Bob Bennett, WNY Special Education Collaborative, education reform leader	Reached out via phone.	Tim Hortons 537 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Need to ensure there are supports for students with disabilities.	Attended WNY Special Education Collaborative Meeting and revised the Students with Disabilities section in the charter.	2
10/15/2018	Dr. Sharon Watkinson, Niagara University, University Partners	Reached out via email.	Niagara University 5795 Lewiston Rd. Niagara University, NY 14109	Need to partner with young education majors.	Reached out to education department of Niagara University to learn more about specific degree programs they offer. They do not have Urban education certificate, but it is something they are interested in.	2
10/17/2018	Matthew Escobar, West Side Soccer	Reached out via email and recommended by Brigid Doherty.	Sweet Ness 7 Café 220 Grant St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Need to have outside programs in which students can participate.	Scheduled another meeting for February to continue discussion on leveraging Westside Soccer Club for our students.	2

10/22/2018	Marisa Caruso, Torn Space Theatre	Reached out via email.	Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site 641 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Need to consider diverse population and provide proper language support and consider incorporating arts into education.	Torn Space will host event to raise awareness for Nickel City Prep in the spring. Already included performing arts enrichment in the key design elements.	2
10/23/2018	Brittany Pearson, former educator	Reached out via email.	Starbucks 933 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Need to have clear procedures for discipline systems so that teachers know what to do.	Revised discipline system to have clarity around consequences for specific behaviors.	2
10/23/2018	Hope Blinkoff-Lynch, 716 Squash	Reached out via email to meet and volunteer.	716 Squash Nardin Academy Athletic Center 1803 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14207	Need to think of curriculum that not only supports low students, but challenges gifted students.	Researched ways to increase rigor in lessons and researched various charter schools who provide curriculum like Uncommon Schools and Achievement First.	2
10/24/2018	Joelle Formato, charter school leader	Communicated through emails and phone conferences.	Persistence Preparatory Academy Charter School 833 Michigan Ave. Buffalo, NY 14203	Need to create a comprehensive transportation program and consider what resources you are going to use in order to provide after school programs for your students	Met with the Boys & Girls Club to find out after school programming opportunities.	2
10/24/18	Dr. Kresse, school leader	Communicated through emails and phone conferences.	City Honors 186 E North St. Buffalo, NY 14204	Need to be leader who lives out mission and encourages positively.		2

10/24/2018	Gabrielle Pelosi, Elmwood Franklin	Communicated through emails and phone conferences.	Starbucks 933 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Need to consider social emotional learning of students.	Shadowing at Nichol's with Gabrielle in March to get an understanding of advisory process and what it would look like beginning in K.	2
10/24/2018	Florine Luhr, Cullen Foundation	Communicated through emails and phone conferences.	Jake's Café 250 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Should keep a strong connection with the Cullen Foundation and apply for support grants as they arise.	Sent a Newsletter to her and will continue to stay in contact to learn about future opportunities for funding	2
10/24/2018	Brittany Jones, Minority BAR Association	Communicated through emails and phone conferences.	Public Espresso 391 Washington St. Buffalo, NY 14203	Need to include business professionals of color into school.	Designing "Lattes with Lanoye" when parents can attend before school meetings with the Head of School and invite representatives from the Minority BAR Association.	2
10/24/2018	Hussain Family, Family with students ages 3-12	Passed out flyers at Westside Bazaar.	Halimatus Maisha's House 31 Keystone St. Buffalo, NY 14211	Need to provide adequate services for English Language Learners.	Incorporating use of Language Line so messages can be translated into different languages for families.	5
11/19/2018	Councilmember Joseph Golembek, North District	Communicated through email and phone conferences.	City Hall 65 Niagara Sq. Buffalo, NY 14202	Need to reach out to different developers for facility search.	Reached out to Jim Jergi to consider 25 Rano, and looked into 265 Skillen, and Public School 51.	2
11/19	Prominent political figures and community members	Sent email invitation to list recommended by Baird Foundation to gather strong community leaders all in one place to discuss vision of Nickel City Prep and gain insight.	Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site 641 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Recommendations for who to have on the board that would be strong champions for the school and know how to navigate the political landscape.	Met with Wayne Robinson, Treasurer for Boys & Girls Club and was able to get him on the Founding Board.	20 various community figures in Buffalo

11/26/2018	Families of students with disabilities, community members	Called Ms. Levy and asked if we could meet with her and her family of 6 students.	246 Riley St. Buffalo, NY 14208	Discussed education needs to be more culturally responsive and based on strong relationships. Teachers need to call for positive events as well.	Altered RTI support section to include strong procedure for informing families of student progress.	1 parent and 5 children of ages ranging from 10-18
11/27/2018	Rayne Manuel, Zigma Naturals at the Westside Bazaar	Visited Westside Bazaar and passed out flyers.	West Side Bazaar 25 Grant St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Urged us to include supports for English Language Learners and families.	Reached out to Teena Jones at Newcomer Academy to shadow and study how they support ELL students. Visited on 11/28.	6
11/28/2018	Teena Jones, Newcomer Academy School Leader	Called Newcomer Academy.	Newcomer Academy 370 Lafayette Ave. Buffalo, NY 14213	Conduct Saturday Academies with students for extra support and as way to engage community.	Included Saturday School in calendar when school has 3rd graders.	2
11/29/2018	Terry Robinson, community leader	Met at the Nickel City Prep Event put on by the Baird Foundation.	Sweet Ness 7 Café 220 Grant St, Buffalo, NY 14213	Begin making connections for facilities	Reached out to NYDUS, Ciminelli, Savarino, and Montante to build relationships for development	2
11/30/2018	40 under 40 Luncheon, community leaders	Invited to meet with 40 recipients of Business First award.	Embassy Suites 200 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202	Need to apply for grants.	Scheduled a meeting with Maurine Falkowski with Grant Builders to learn about grants that we can apply for to help our students	50
11/30/18	Community Supporters	Met with Linda Angert and was invited to the SAY YES Breakfast.	Buffalo Club 388 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202	Met with mentors and students in Say Yes, who suggested using the program to support Nickel City Prep.	Scheduled meeting with David Rust, Executive Director of Say Yes to try to use their resources for the students of Nickel City Prep.	20
12/3/2018	Shakespearean Idol, Partnership for the Public Good	Met the ED at a coffee house and handed him my flyer.	Buffalo History Museum 1 Museum C., Buffalo, NY 14216	Learned about Peace of the City and how the arts are used to inspire urban youth.	Set up a meeting with the Paul Robeson theatre to hear best practices on using the arts in education	20

12/3/2018	Cynthia Stark/Amy Friedman Meeting-previous charter school leaders	Reached out at the Theodore Roosevelt Event.	Remedy House 429 Rhode Island St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Need to use responsive teaching methods for Social Emotional Learning.	Incorporated responsive teaching into key design elements.	3
12/8/2018	Teach For America Buffalo, nonprofit educational programs	Partnering with TFA to recruit teachers.	Buffalo Collegiate Charter School 45 Jewett Ave. Buffalo, NY 14214	Need high capacity teachers to take on demanding work of model.	Continue to work with TFA and their recruits to find high-capacity instructors.	60
12/12/2018	Martha Mitchell Community Center Clothing Give Away	Volunteering at the Center over the Summer and into the Fall.	Martha Mitchell Community Center 175 Oakmont Ave. Buffalo, NY 14215	Need to be able to connect students to service providers.	Set up call with Joelle Formato to discuss what service providers are available for students in Buffalo.	15
12/12/2018	December Meeting, BILT	Attended October meeting and met with various members of BILT.	West Side Community Services 161 Vermont St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Need to provide adequate services for English Language Learners.	Working with members at their February Retreat to discuss best practices to incorporate into application.	25
12/13/2018	Literacy Center	Reached out to Tara Schafer after meeting her at TFA Fundraising event.	Central Library 1 Lafayette Sq. Buffalo, NY 14203	Need to focus on literacy, since 1/3 of population in Buffalo is functionally illiterate.	Increased literacy time to 190 minutes daily for students	4
12/13/2018	Brian Dixon-Volunteer Lawyer's Project	Attended an information session.	Spot Coffee 5330 Main St. # 4, Williamsville, NY 14221	Should leverage the volunteer lawyers projects to help families and show professions to students.	Continue relationship with VLP and work with them once school has launched.	2

12/14/2018	Bob Bennett, WNY Special Education Collaborative	Met with David Frank and Bob Bennett about founding NCP and was invited to collaborative meeting.	Daemen College 4380 Main St. Amherst, NY 14226	Need to work alongside other charter schools to create united front to advocate for students with disabilities.	Attend Spring Meeting and scheduled to meet with Liz Sterns/Andrea Todaro of West Buffalo Charter School to start creating positive relationships with other charter school leaders.	40
12/17/2018	Jeff Meyer Sponsor a Teacher Dinner	Reached out to TFA to be part of all events in the community.	Embassy Suites 200 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Need to have someone on board who is in development, since procuring a building is one of most challenging aspects of the start-up process.	Set up meetings with developers to begin conversations about Nickel City Prep needing a location.	40
12/17/2018	Healthy Scratch, Pegula Sports and Entertainment	Reached out to Pegula Sports and Entertainment through email.	Healthy Scratch 75 Main St #4, Buffalo, NY 14203	Need to think through nutrition program for school and ensure that students are eating healthy, especially if they have longer school day.	Set up follow-up meeting for March for PSE to showcase inexpensive, nutrient rich meals that could be supplied for our students.	5
12/18/2018	Jody Valdes, Hope Buffalo	Attended event at Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site to promote NCP in community.	Sweet Ness 7 Café 220 Grant St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Should consider community projects to promote community involvement.	Wrote in space for leadership literacy class, where students will complete one annual community service project at end of year so that we can be leaders in our community.	2
12/18/2018	Erin Kahn, Raikes Foundation	Connected through Linda Kahn.	Phone Conference	Need to incorporate growth mindset into curriculum.	Reached out to Community Day school to use their professional development regarding growth mindset. It is part of our values and have read published articles of Raikes Foundation to incorporate into application to show necessity of mindset.	2
12/19/2018	Ashley Watson, REAL Talk	Connected at TFA event on 12/8.	Nazareth Lutheran Church 265 Skillen St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Need to include social emotional learning into curriculum.	Shared the REAL Talk curriculum. We will collaborate to make it adaptable for K-8 instead of 5-12	2

12/19/2018	Maddie Connors, Harvard School of Education	Connected through TFA Alumni.	Spot Coffee 765 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Should work with the Harvard Business Association chapter in Buffalo.	Wayne Robinson, our Board Treasurer, is in charge of HBA in Buffalo and we are in discussions as to how we could incorporate them into our school.	2
12/20/2018	Buffalo Collegiate Charter School	Connected through BES.	Buffalo Collegiate Charter School 45 Jewett Ave, Buffalo, NY 14214	Should have surveys for parents to complete at parent/teacher interviews to keep pulse on school culture.	Received copy of Buffalo Collegiate's survey and have saved/adapted for Nickel City Prep.	15
12/21/2018	Tabling at Central Library	Requested to table and held information mini-sessions.	Central Library 1 Lafayette Sq. Buffalo, NY 14203	Should focus on educating whole student and not only focusing on academic work.	We are using a values-based education model and will include social-emotional learning techniques adapted from REAL Talk	40
12/28/2018	Tabling at the Central Library	Requested to table and held information mini sessions.	Central Library 1 Lafayette Sq. Buffalo, NY 14203	Should make sure there is communication with families is consistent and timely	Working on writing out procedures and policies for communication with parents.	30
1/10/2018	Breakfast of Champions, community leaders	Reached out to TFA to be part of their events in community. Last year spoke at event.	The Westin 250 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Spoke to many TFA teachers who said they want to work where there are clear procedures/ policies, accountability, mission alignment and strong data review processes.	Studying at high-performing, charter school, RISE Prep Mayoral Academy and requested to review their procedures/policies, data day review processes to inform Nickel City Prep.	200
2/6/19	Heidi Milch, Erie County Council Community Coordinating Council for Children and Families	Reached out to understand how to best support student social/emotional growth at Nickel City Prep.	Underground Coffee House 580 South Park Ave. Buffalo, NY 14210	Strong social emotional curriculum should be in place for our students.	Researched Pedals, which is similar to Second Step and is being taught in Head Starts in Buffalo. Researched citris.org, for strong character education curriculum and going to incorporate elements into our values-based education program.	2

2/6/19	Food Link	Set up meeting with Food Link who provides healthy meals for students in all public schools.	Food Link Inc. 1999 Mt. Read Blvd. Rochester, NY 14615	Need strong partner in food service that understands all requirements and how to understand NCLB Reimbursement procedure.	Looked into other options for food services in Buffalo, reached out to Food Bank of WNY which is sister organization to Food Link.	3
2/7/19	Tabling at Riverside Library	Set up table outside of free tax service clinic at library, handed out flyers and received signatures from interested families.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Families want there to be strong communication with them about their child, not just when something bad happens. Strong communication was described as daily update with whole picture report about their child and way to quickly communicate any questions they have about their child's day.	This has been strong theme across all parents with whom we have spoken. In the charter we have outlined the way we hope to include parents, which includes a daily communication log.	20
2/7/19	Larry Quinn, Buffalo Board of Education Member	Met to discuss challenges that he has seen within Buffalo Public School District and what the priorities of the Board have been while he has been a member.	Starbucks 933 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Discussed how contention with the union does not always allow board to act with student interest in forefront of their mind. Wants to see school that is high-performing in Buffalo and focuses on small group instruction.	Arranged meetings with following people: Ange Fatta (SUNY Board of Regents), Caz Rodriguez (President of the Hispanic Heritage Council), Tony Martino (Retired CPA), and Carl Paladino (Developer).	2
2/8/19	Albright Knox Art Gallery Family Fun Day	Passed out 30 flyers to families that were participating in art day at Albright Knox Art Gallery.	Albright-Knox Art Gallery 1285 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Families strongly believe that art should be taught in school.	Evaluated daily schedule to see where art could be incorporated.	30
2/9/19	Caz Rodriguez President of Hispanic Heritage Council/ Larry Quinn, Buffalo Board of Education Member	Discussed how to partner with Hispanic Heritage Council and plan they have for Hispanic Heritage Council Center on West Side. Provided flyers to put at Hispanic Heritage Council Headquarters.	Starbucks 933 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222	Should partner with already existing community organizations like Bell Center, and center that they are building.	Had follow-up meeting with Caz Rodriguez at Central Library and received copy of project plan for his community center. Will continue working with him to see how we can partner in the future.	3

2/22/19	Luis Rodriguez, United Way Board and St. Joe's Board	Met to talk about vision of United Way and what he has seen as trends in education in Buffalo.	Rodriguez Constructio n Group Inc. 760 Seneca St. Buffalo, NY 14210	High expectations are essential to a school. Explained how he was able to join Buffalo Prep which allowed him to attend St. Joe's because he had teachers who pushed him and believed in him.	Connected us to representative at United Way and will continue conversations with them.	3
2/22/19	Jose Rivera, former Buffalo Public School Principal	Met to discuss his time in Buffalo Public Schools, specifically in Bilingual education, in order to understand what supports need to be in place to create strong environment for ELL/MLL students to learn.	Sweet Ness 7 Café 220 Grant St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Suggested partnering with local/ college or university to support with program which should have the 5A's: Advocacy, Awareness, Attitude, Aptitude, and Agency.	Connected us to David Baez who used to be in charge of Bilingual Education in Buffalo.	2
2/23/19	BILT Membership Retreat	A 6-hour retreat where we were able to share about Nickel City Prep, pass out flyers, and get input from the Immigrant/Refugee community.	West Side Community Services 161 Vermont St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Families wanted there to be strong programs for ELL/MLL students.	Include in the model each classroom will have a TESOL certified teacher and all teachers will be trained in SIOP practices.	25
2/25/19	Facility Tour with John Fatta of the Fatta Foundation	Toured building for possible location of Nickel City Prep and learned about Fatta Foundation and how they are interested in supporting nonprofits in Buffalo.	St. Francis Xavier School 456 East St. Buffalo, NY 14207	It would be best to find facility in heart of neighborhood. Good school can lift up community.	Meeting to tour more Fatta-owned facilities in future.	6
2/25/19	Tabling at Central Library with Information Session	Passed out flyers and collected signatures. Held information session for three families about Nickel City Prep and answered questions.	Central Library 1 Lafayette Sq. Buffalo, NY 14203	Parents want teachers who create strong relationships with students and communicate regularly.	Reviewed our key design element of high-quality instruction and relationships with parents are paramount.	15
2/26/19	Isaac De Los Santos M&T Riverside Branch Manager, Treasurer of the Riverside Business Association	Left flyers to be picked up by M&T Riverside customers and met with branch manager to talk about what he sees as need in community.	M&T Bank 788 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Need translators and translating services available. Riverside community is linguistically diverse and that must be supported in school.	Translated flyers to be available in Spanish and Kareni. Connected us to Debbie Lombardo who put us on agenda for RBA Public Meeting to speak about Nickel City Prep.	3

2/27/19	Angela Davis Speaker Series with students and families from Buffalo Collegiate	Passed out flyers to families who attended speaker series and accompanied students of Buffalo Collegiate as chaperone.	University at Buffalo Alumni Arena Buffalo, NY 14260	Spoke with parents who indicated that they like Buffalo Collegiate because they have an extended school day and feel supported by teachers. Appreciate that there are teachers of color who look like their students.	Need to prioritize strategic plan to hire teachers of color, so that our children feel supported.	20
2/27/19	Reverend Stenhouse, Bethal AME Church	Met to learn about what educational needs Reverend Stenhouse knows in community. Left stack of flyers to be passed out to congregation.	Bethal AME Church 1525 Michigan Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209	Indicated that he was on board for Head Start Programs in Buffalo and that was troubled by the data. Students are leaving Head Start academically above other kindergartners, but after tracking data they found that they do not stay ahead after their first year of kindergarten.	Small Group instruction and frequent assessments are necessary so that no students ever fall through cracks and that all students engage with rigorous work.	3
2/28/19	Elder Alan Back to Basics Outreach Ministry, SNUG, Buffalo Peacemakers, Clergy Caucus for Voice Buffalo	Met to discuss important religious figures to connect to learn about Riverside Community.	Back to Basics Ministry 1370 William St. Buffalo, NY 14206	Spoke about higher suspension rates for children of color in Buffalo. Urged for us at Nickel City Prep to constantly review data and ensure we are using equitable disciplinary practices.	Evaluating how to incorporate elements of restorative justice into disciplinary plan.	2
2/28/19	Tabling at Riverside Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Families rely on recommendations from people they know in community for school options.	Identified list of community organizations we have yet to meet with and created plan from March-May to try to meet with them all.	12
2/28/19	Voice Buffalo Clergy Caucus Meeting	Spoke about Nickel City Prep and high-quality educational opportunities for our students in Buffalo.	Back to Basics Ministry 1370 William St. Buffalo, NY 14206	Parents spoke about how increasing diversity of staff will decrease disproportionate suspension rates of children of color in schools. Spoke about how there is lack of support for students with disabilities in	Spoke with Treasurer for Board about how to make mission-aligned budget that would allow for support of all types of learners.	20

				existing charter schools in Buffalo.		
3/1/19	Stan Martin, HOPE Buffalo	Discussed how Nickel City Prep could partner with HOPE's mission of creating healthier youth in Buffalo.	Spot Coffee 225 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202	Need culturally responsive teaching and teachers of color in school.	Will consult HOPE Buffalo for culturally responsive training for staff. Inclusivity and celebrating diversity is part of our mission.	2
3/4/19	Tabling at Central Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Central Library 1 Lafayette Sq. Buffalo, NY 14203	Need bilingual educators for ELL/MLL students.	BILT has mission to increase number of bilingual educators, so we will continue partnering with them.	10
3/5/19	Abhi Nangia, Better World Ed	Discussed social emotional learning in urban classrooms.	Phone Conference	Believes their program is best for ELL/MLL students since videos do not have sound. They tell stories of people from all over world and then pair with lesson plan for students.	Learning best practices for ELL/MLL students and will continue this conversation when planning.	2
3/6/19	Black Rock Riverside Alliance Meeting	Introduced school to Board of Directors.	Black Rock Historical Society 1902 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207	There needs to be high-quality school options in Riverside/ Black Rock and invited us to speak at their next meeting.	Will present more formally at the next meeting April 9 th .	8
3/7/19	Kevin Heffernan RISE Collaborative	Met to discuss other groups in Buffalo that they have interviewed per high-quality education. Passed out flyer to put into RISE Collaborative Publication.	Remedy House 429 Rhode Island St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Should sit down and do podcast with them about education to encourage other educational leaders to join the conversation.	Will record podcast in month of April.	2
3/7/19	Tabling at CAO Head Start	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	CAO Head Start 122 Schiller St. Buffalo, NY 14206	Parents want schools that have supports for their children with disabilities. Schools need to have strong social workers to support	The organizational chart has full-time social worker included in model.	25

				students with behavioral challenges.		
3/7/19	Tabling at LA Fitness	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	LA Fitness 1893 Elmwood Ave. #200, Buffalo, NY 14207	Parents want teachers who know how to support ELL/MLL learners.		15
3/9/19	Public Meeting for Primary Hall Charter School	Spoke to families about what they want to see in high-quality school and listened to Lead Founder Arielle Peterson speak about Primary Hall.	New Beginnings COGIC 828 Genesee St. Buffalo, NY 14211	Parents want to make sure that discipline is restorative rather than punitive.		15
3/9/19	Information Session at the Riverside Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Parents want there to be fewer students in classroom and more teacher support.	Our model reflects smaller teacher to student ratio since there will be two full-time teachers in each classroom.	8
3/9/19	Little League Sign Ups at Riverside Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St, Buffalo, NY 14207	Parents want there to be options for students. They are dissatisfied with lack of focus on Science and Social Studies in schools.	Our model has Science and Social Studies each day, so that our students are learning academic skills across curriculum.	4
3/11/19	Meeting with Anne Ryan, Executive Director of Read to Succeed	Met to learn about programs Read to Succeed is using in Early childhood education to literacy rates of students.	Colter Bay 561 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202	Currently part of national study and will provide information with results of this year's program when completed. Stressed importance of real-time coaching and hiring teachers who have literacy expertise.	Reached out to AmeriCorps to hear about their program for early childhood literacy certification to see if there is way to make pipeline of teachers for Nickel City Prep.	3

3/12/19	West Buffalo Charter School Tour and Meeting with Andrea Todoro and Liz Sterns	Wanted to learn best practices from high-performing charter schools in the district.	West Buffalo Charter School 113 Lafayette Ave. Buffalo, NY 14213	Importance of your founding team and decision-making and building your leadership bench from within. Foster positive relationship with Buffalo Public School district, since you will be working closely with them.		5
3/12/19	Pastor Bob Tice and Laurie Tice of River Rock Church	Met to discuss the church community in Riverside and what the needs are educationally. Passed out flyers to be included in the church bulletin.	River Rock Church 410 East St. Buffalo, NY 14207	The church offers ESL classes for adults but knows there must be a strong ELL/MLL program in any schools that are going to open in Riverside.	Attending a church service where I will present to both the Congolese and Burmese congregation about Nickel City Prep to hear their input.	3
3/12/19	Buffalo Academy of Science tour and meeting with Joseph Polat	Wanted to learn best practices from high-performing charter schools in the district.	Buffalo Academy of Science 89 Clare St. Buffalo, NY 14206	It is important to work together with other charter schools in district. It used to be hostile charter environment, but with new wave of charters coming through in Buffalo it is perfect opportunity to have collaborative group and create single lottery program.	Will continue to meet with Buffalo Science Academy and Primary Hall to create a collaborative relationship.	6
3/12/19	BILT Meeting	Passed out flyers to all members and continued to plan for panel discussion with future Board of Education Members in Buffalo.	West Side Community Services 161 Vermont St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Currently only 26% of ELL/MLL students are graduating from high school, so we spoke about the "Raise the Rate" campaign and how to encourage Board of Education Members to commit at panel to providing equitable resources for ELL/MLL community.	Will table at Voter Kick Off on March 22 nd . Will meet regularly as new member of "Raise the Rate" campaign.	12
3/12/19	Prism Community Meeting	Spoke to current educators about how we can support LBTBQ community in our public schools.	433 Ferndale Ave. Buffalo, NY 14217	Need to have trainings teachers so they know what resources are developmentally appropriate to use in their classroom to talk about sexuality.	Continue attending Prism meetings to understand resources available for staff and students.	6

3/14/19	Tabling at Riverside Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Parents want to know their child will be able to leave kindergarten being able to read.	Our STEP program and small group intervention will support all students learning essential literacy skills.	8
3/14/19	Women's History Potluck	Met with current teachers and community members to discuss what elements they see as necessary in high-quality school. Posted flyer and had attendees take our online survey.	TFA Buffalo 345 West Ferry St. Buffalo, NY 14213	Teachers want school where there are clear systems and procedures so that they can focus on teaching.	Will ensure that utmost care and clarity is used when designing procedures and that they are outlined in school handbook.	10
3/14/19	Tabling at LA Fitness	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	LA Fitness 1893 Elmwood Ave. #200, Buffalo, NY 14207	Parents want strong high school options for their children, concerned with what happens when they send their child to a strong k-8 program, but they do not get accepted into criterion-based schools.	Reached out to Buffalo Prep and the Bison Fund to create relationship, so our students will have strong high school options.	15
3/15/19	Annise Celano, AmeriCorps	Spoke about early literacy certification program and how we can partner for Nickel City Prep.	Spot Coffee 1406 Hertel Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216	Interested in working with us thinking about creating teacher fellow program that they would support and fund certification for teachers.	Continue to have monthly planning meetings.	2
3/15/19	Carley Skarupinski, Mustache Fitness & Barbell	Partnering together for sponsorship of Powerlifting meet in Riverside. Left stack of flyers for members to share.	Mustache Fitness & Barbell 410 Hinds St, Tonawanda, NY 14150	Want to encourage powerlifting community to give back to neighborhood so they are going to promote the school on social media and raise funds for us.	Continue having biweekly meetings until "Building Success through Strength" meet on November 2 nd .	3
3/16/19	YMCA- ECC Campus Youth Basketball Tournament	Passed out flyers to parents and got signatures of support.	YMCA-ECC Campus 150 Tech Dr. Amherst, NY 14221	Families want to make sure that our school will serve all students regardless of disability.	Ensuring we have contingent budget for our Special Education Services in case our population is higher than anticipated.	20

3/16/19	Tabling at the Riverside Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Families spoke about putting school on Rano Street rather than Hertel, since it would be more walkable.	We will continue looking through our facility tours for viable options that put us in center of community.	12
3/17/19	River Rock Service	Attended mass and spoke to prominent religious leaders in community as well as asked families what they wanted to see in a school.	River Rock Church 410 East St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Families want their children to be supported as MLL/ELL students.	We will plan meeting with Buffalo Multilingual Department to discuss what is currently being done in school system.	50
3/19/19	Riverside Business Association	Was put on agenda to speak at RBA Meeting to inform community of our plan and to get feedback about facilities and local businesses.	Riverside Library 820 Tonawanda St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Local business owners took flyers to keep at their places of work. They also provided ideas for facilities options.	Have scheduled meetings with business owners to see what services they offer and understand how we can leverage them to positively contribute to our community and school.	15
3/20/19	Public Hearing for Buffalo Public School Board	Attended public hearing for two new charter schools, Buffalo Creek Academy & Buffalo Commons, to learn about new charters coming to Buffalo.	City Hall 65 Niagara Sq. Buffalo, NY 14202	Board of Education wants new charter schools to have strong innovative practices as well as teacher retirement benefits.	Meeting with leader of Buffalo Commons, David Brink-Washington to see how we can work together to improve education in Buffalo.	15
3/21/19	Rediscover Riverside Public Hearing for Nickel City Prep	Spoke to community members about school design for Nickel City Prep and answered any questions they had.	St. Mark's Church 256 Riverside Ave. Buffalo, NY 14207	Community wants school that is right in center of their neighborhood so that parents can be active participants in education.	We will continue looking through our facility tours for viable options that put us in center of community.	15
3/23/19	Tabling at North Park Library	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	North Park Library 975 Hertel Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216	Families want there to be love of literacy instilled in students.	We have 210 minutes of literacy allotted throughout day.	20
3/25/19	Meeting with School Leader Eric Klapper	Reached out to charter school leader at Tapestry to learn best practices from their experience.	Tapestry Charter School 111 Great Arrow Ave.	School and adult culture are key to success of a school.	Ensuring we have strong onboarding process in play for both teachers and students.	3

			Buffalo, NY 14216			
3/26/19	Tabling at Holy Cross Head Start	Tabled and spoke to families to collect signatures of support and complete surveys.	Holy Cross Head Start 89 Military Rd. Buffalo, NY 14207	Families want to be able to see facility before they enroll their child.	Make sure to host walk through events as soon as we have found facility.	10
3/26/19	WNY Charter School Leaders Meeting	Met with other charter school leaders to work collaboratively to solve issues that currently exist within charter movement in Buffalo.	Enterprise Charter School 275 Oak St. # 100, Buffalo, NY 14203	We need to work collaboratively on common application through School Mint and on transportation.	Follow up Webinar is planned to hear about School Mint and how we can implement it across charter schools in Buffalo.	7
3/28/19	HOPE Buffalo Community Action Team Meeting	Learned from Community Action Team Meeting what main issues our youth are facing in Buffalo.	Native American Community Services 1005 Grant St. Buffalo, NY 14213	School staff need to be trained on how to have challenging conversations with students about sexual health.	Scheduled meeting with leader, Stan Martin to discuss what the training entails.	25

Attachment 2a: Initial Samples of Public Outreach

Sample 1a: Distribution of Flyers

Nickel City Prep Informational Flyer Distribution	
Date	Locations Distributed
11/19/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffalo City Hall • All participants that attended the Nickel City Prep Community Meeting through the Baird Foundation
11/20/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses on Tonawanda Street in the Riverside Neighborhood
11/27/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westside Bazaar, where many Riverside residents own small businesses
11/28/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses on Ontario Street in the Riverside Neighborhood
12/8/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach For America Buffalo Offices • Local coffee shops in the Black Rock/Riverside Neighborhoods
12/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martha Mitchell Community Center Clothing Give Away • Buffalo Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Taskforce Meeting
12/13/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Library and local nonprofits housed in the library including The Hispanic Heritage Center and Literacy New York
12/19/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nazareth Lutheran Church on Skillen St. where many community groups meet including Boys & Girls Club and REAL Talk
2/7/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside Library • LA Fitness in Riverside
2/28/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to Basics Ministry at the Voice Buffalo Clergy Caucus
3/6/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Rock/Riverside Alliance Meeting
3/7/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drexel Head Start
3/9/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little League Sign Ups at the Riverside Library
3/12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RiverRock Church • Prism Buffalo Meeting
3/16/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA-ECC Campus

Sample 1b: Community Information Flyer: English



Nickel City Prep

A proposed K-8 charter school for the students of Buffalo

Our Mission

Through high-quality instruction, rigorous curriculum, and values-based education, Nickel City Preparatory Charter School equips kindergarten through eighth grade scholars with the academic and ethical foundation necessary to excel in college and lead in our community.

We Believe...



Every minute matters



Values-based education



Data drives instruction



Foundational literacy skills



Rigorous curriculum



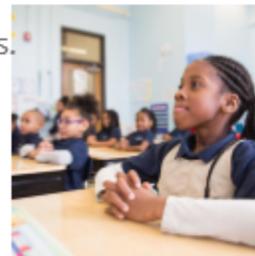
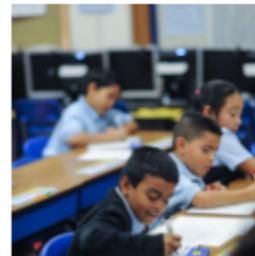
Safety and structure



College begins in kindergarten



Critical thinking skills



About Charter Schools

Charter schools are free public schools created to provide school choice for families. Charter schools respond to student need and are held accountable for achieving high levels of academic success.

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Sample 1c: Community Information Flyer- Spanish



Nickel City Prep

Una propuesta de escuela charter K-8 para los estudiantes de Buffalo

Nuestra misión

A través de una instrucción de alta calidad, un currículo riguroso y una educación basada en valores, Nickel City Preparatory Charter School equipa a los académicos de kínder a octavo grado con la base académica y ética necesaria

Creemos...

	Cada minuto importa		Basado en valores educación
	Unidades de datos instrucción		Fundacional habilidades de alfabetización
	Riguroso plan de estudios		Seguridad y estructura
	La universidad comienza en jardín de infancia		Pensamiento crítico habilidades



Sobre las escuelas charter

Las escuelas charter son escuelas públicas gratuitas creadas para proporcionar escuelas. Opción para las familias. Las escuelas charter responden a las necesidades de los estudiantes y son responsables de alcanzar altos niveles de éxito académico.

Contáctenos

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Sample 1d: Community Information Flyer-Burmese



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Sample 2a: Information Session Survey

Community Survey

Nickel City Prep needs your support by taking this short survey that will help us create the best school for our community.

Our Mission

Through high-quality instruction, rigorous curriculum, and values-based education **Nickel City Preparatory Charter School** equips kindergarten through eighth grade scholars with the academic and ethical foundation necessary to excel in college and lead in our community.

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Email Address *

Do you live in the city of Buffalo? *

- Yes
 No

What is your zip code? *

Do you have school-aged children? *

- Yes
 No

If so, what grade? (Check all that apply)

- Baby/Toddler
 Pre-K (Aged 3-4)
 Kindergarten
 1st Grade
 2nd Grade
 3rd Grade
 4th Grade
 5th Grade
 6th Grade
 7th Grade
 8th Grade
 9th Grade
 10th Grade
 11th Grade
 12th Grade
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What are the strengths of the schools in our community? *

What are the major challenges you see in our current schools? *

Do you wish there were more school options?

- Yes
- No

Which of the following are important to you? (check all that apply)

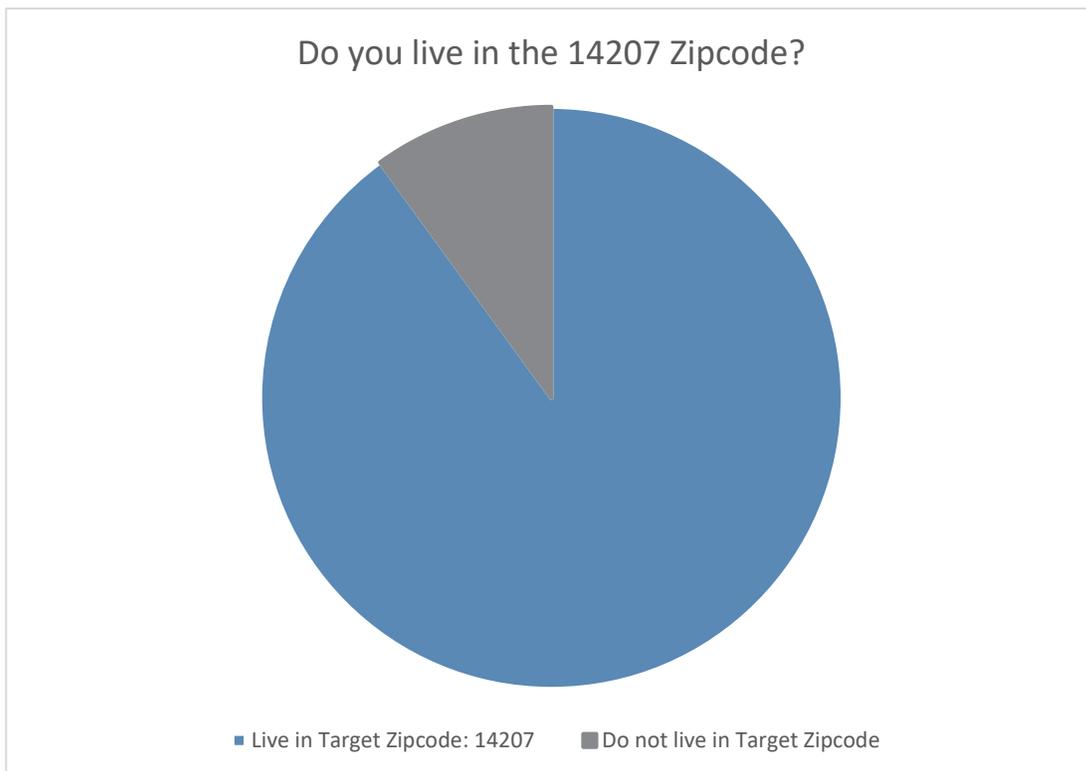
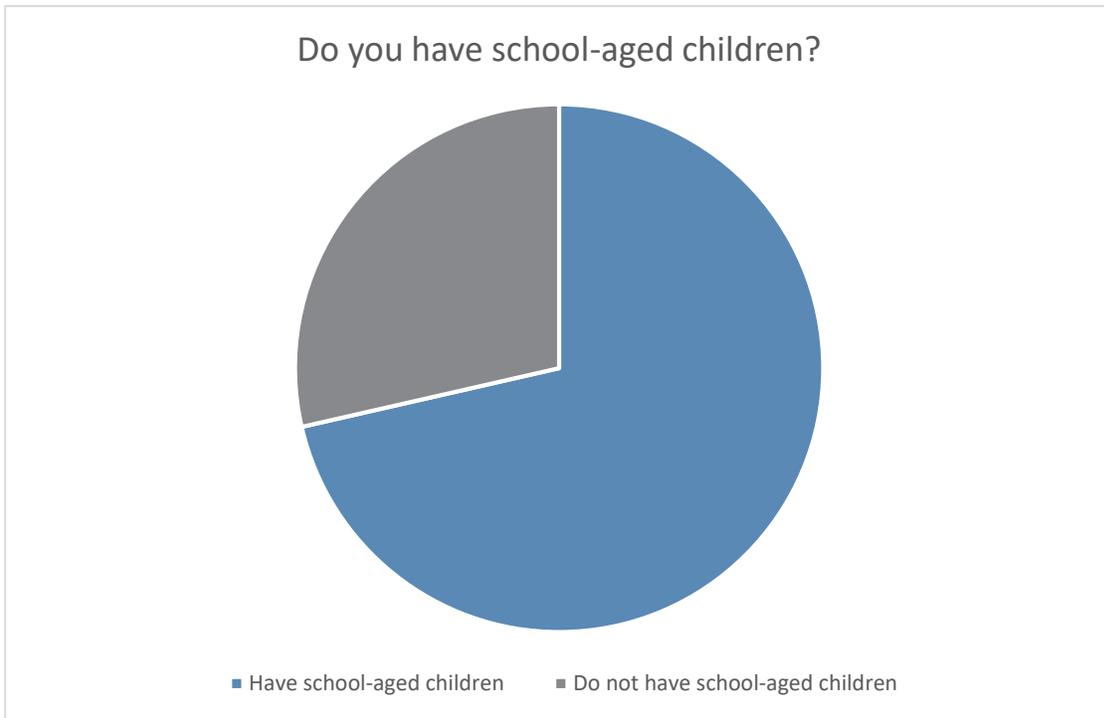
- Extended School Day
- Extended School Year
- Enrichment Activities
- High Expectations
- Inclusive/Supportive Environment

Would you be willing to support a college preparatory elementary school for the students of Buffalo? *

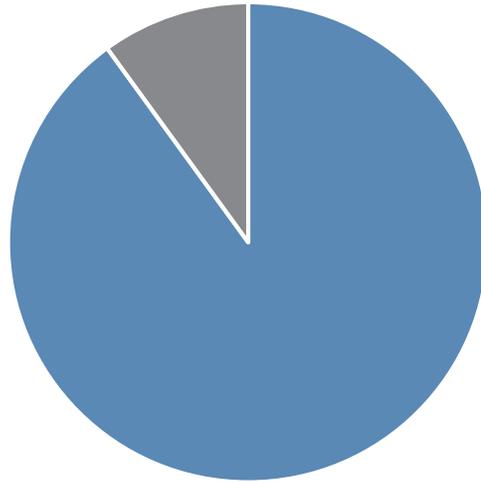
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Sample 2b: Information Session Survey Responses:

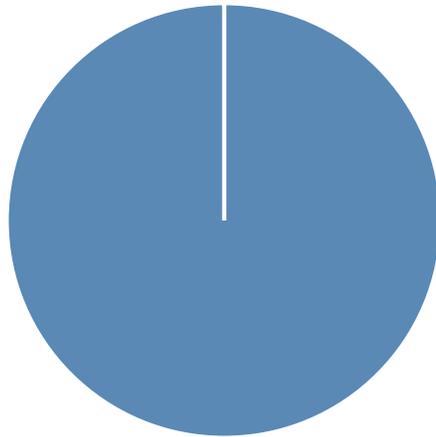


Do you wish there were more school options?



■ Yes ■ No

Would you be willing to support a college preparatory elementary school for the students of Buffalo?



■ Yes ■ No



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JOIN US FOR OUR

INFORMATION SESSION

TO HEAR ABOUT OUR MISSION AT
NICKEL CITY PREP AND TO PROVIDE
INSIGHT FOR OUR SCHOOL DESIGN

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RIVERSIDE LIBRARY
820 TONAWANDA ST.
BUFFALO, NY 14207**

Refreshments will be provided



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SESION DE INFORMACION

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MISIÓN EN NICKEL CITY PREP Y
PROPORCIONAR INFORMACIÓN PARA
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MARCH 9, 2019 | 1 PM
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RIVERSIDE
820 TONAWANDA ST.
BUFFALO, NY 14207

Se proporcionarán refrescos

Sample 2e: Information Session Flyer in Burmese



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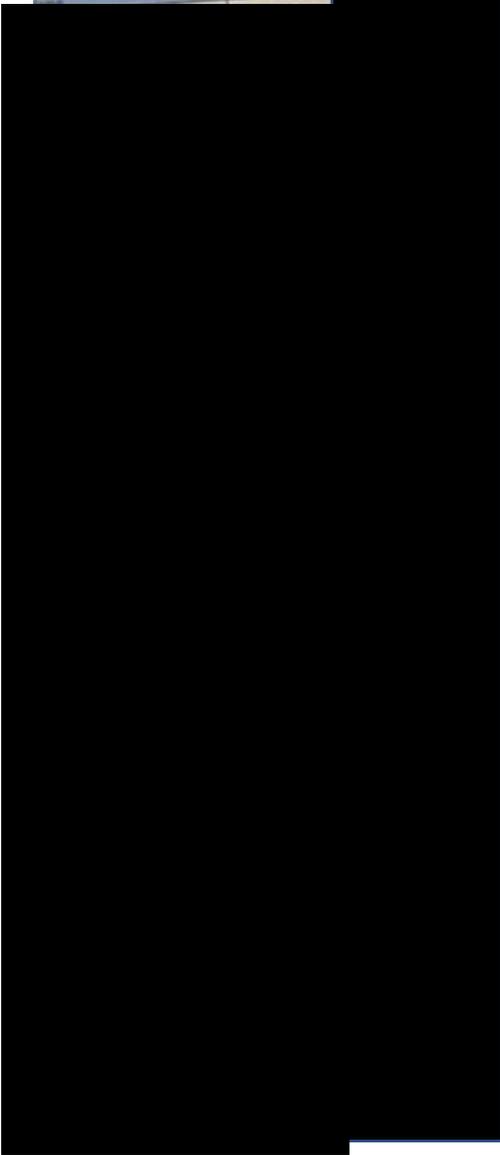
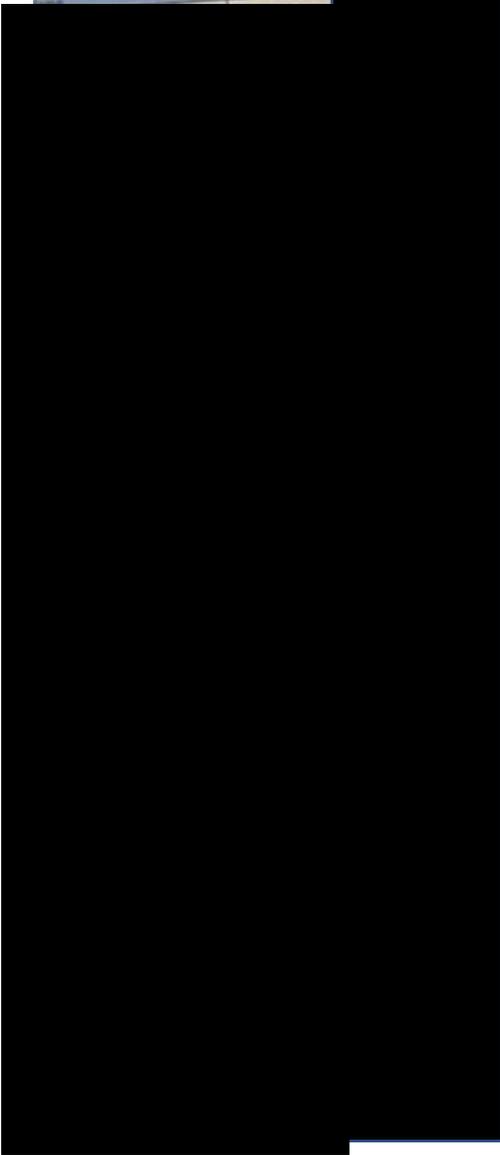
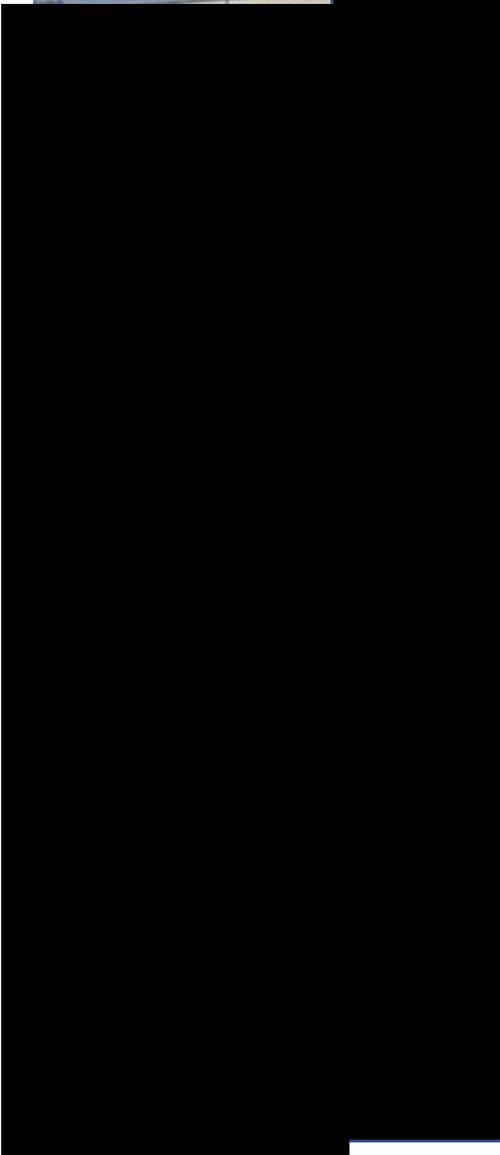
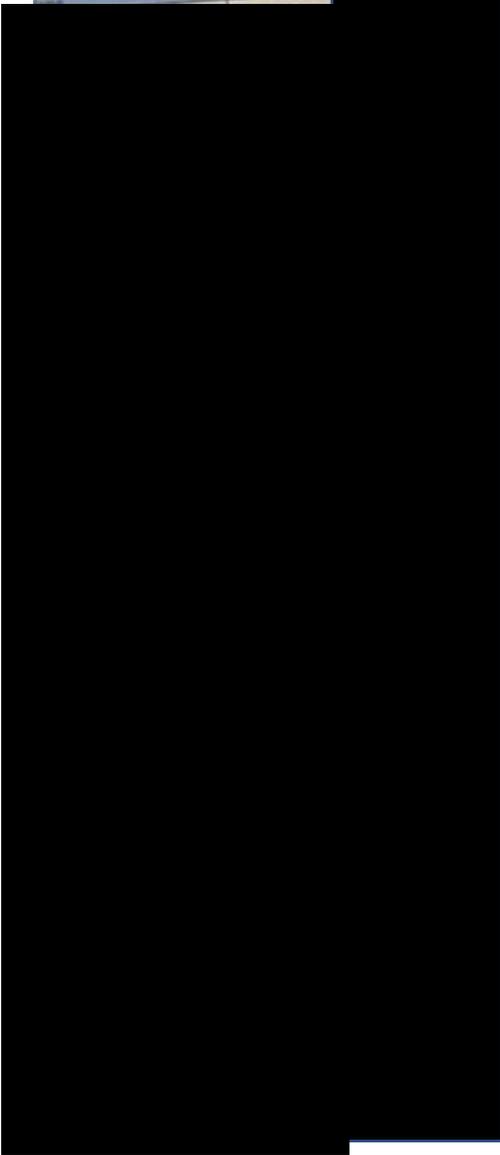
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BUFFALO, NY 14207

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Sample 2f: Information Session Sign-In

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Sample 3a: Public Meeting Communication Through Nickel City Prep Newsletter



Nickel City Prep

NICKEL CITY PREP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

OUR MISSION

Through high-quality instruction, rigorous curriculum, and a values-based education, Nickel City Preparatory Charter School equips scholars in kindergarten through grade eight with the academic and ethical foundation necessary to excel in high school and college and become positive leaders in our community.

Dear Friends and Supporters of [Nickel City Prep](#),

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

We are that small group of thoughtful, committed citizens changing the world for our scholars. We are committed to being a proof point for Buffalo, a school that demonstrates the limitless potential of our scholars. We are proposed to open in August of 2020 for the students in the Riverside Community.

At [Nickel City Prep](#), we believe that access to excellent education is not a privilege, but a right that each scholar should have. Over the past several months, we have been visiting small businesses, tabling at community events, and meeting with families to inform the design for our school. We are committed to developing the school that our community wants and needs. A school that has a rigorous curriculum that challenges and supports all scholars. A school that has a values-based education that focuses on educating the whole scholar so that they have a strong ethical foundation as well academic foundation to be the type of leaders we need in Buffalo.

This newsletter is the first of many and it is our pleasure to welcome you to the [Nickel City Prep](#) family. We will send monthly updates about our progress and ways to get involved in our mission. We encourage you to share these newsletters with anyone you think would like to hear more about the work we are doing, and to please follow us on social media using the icon links below. We are excited to work with you to make [Nickel City Prep](#) a reality for our families.

Fearlessly in Education,
Brianna Lanoye
Lead Founder, [Nickel City Preparatory Charter School](#)
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OUR DESIGN

At [Nickel City Prep](#), every decision we make in our design supports our mission for our scholars. Our priority is doing whatever we can to ensure that all scholars can, will, and must achieve at high levels.

Our design focuses on the following elements:

- Every minute matters
- Data drives instruction
- Values-based education
- Rigorous curriculum for all
- College begins in kindergarten
- Safe and structured classrooms
- Development of critical thinking skills
- Partnerships with parents are paramount

OUR TEAM

- The [Nickel City Prep](#) Founding Team just completed their March Retreat where did a deep dive into the mission and vision, discussed the opportunity myth and how it can inform the work, planned a strategy for our community outreach for the month, became familiar with the application, and grew a strong team culture aligned to the mission.

- Our Letter of Intent will be submitted to NYSED April 5, followed by our full application on May 6th.
- Brianna Lanoye, Lead Founder of [Nickel City Prep](#), spent the entire month of January completing her Leadership Residency at [RISE Prep Mayoral Academy](#), a high-achieving school in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. She is going to travel to New Orleans in two weeks to study the academic success of [Laureate Academy](#).



Nickel City Prep's Founder, Brianna Lanoye, tutoring a current 5th Grader with 716 Squash.

GET INVOLVED

In order to give our scholars the opportunities they deserve, [Nickel City Prep](#), needs your help!

PROVIDE FEEDBACK: Please take five minutes to complete our community survey on our website to share your insight on our school design.

VISIT US AT THE LIBRARY: Every Thursday 2PM-5PM and Saturday 11AM-1PM you can find us at the Riverside Library and every Monday 1PM-4PM you can find us at the Central Library.

ATTEND OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS: March 19th at 6PM at the Riverside Library and March 20th at 6PM at St. Marks & All Saint's Church. Refreshments will be served!

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You are receiving this email because you signed up for our newsletter, or because you are a supporter of Brianna Lanoye's work in education.

Our mailing address is:

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Buffalo, NY 14213

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TALK ABOUT IT: We want to engage with all families to learn from them and use it to inform our school's design. If you know someone you want to know more about [Nickel City Prep](#) please send us an email so we can connect with them.

BE A FOUNDER: If you know any exemplary professionals who would like to be a member of our founding board send us an email.

Sample 3b: Public Meeting Announcement

Riverside Review: Published on March 13, 2019*

RIVERSIDE REVIEW
The Voice of Northwest Buffalo Since 1923!

March 13, 2019 Vol. 97 - No. 11

CIRCULATION 12,500 WEEKLY - FREE!
TO ALL OF NORTHWEST BUFFALO - A CITY WITHIN A CITY
877-8400 215 MILITARY ROAD, BUFFALO, N.Y. 14207

Really Really Free Market Returns Old Black Rock Village Houses Highlighted

Recently there has been a suggestion floating around on Facebook that for Lent instead of giving up something for 40 days you could give away something you no longer need or want each day during the Lenten Season.

If you have made this your Lenten goal, or if you just have a bunch of stuff you have been meaning to get rid of, the REALLY REALLY FREE MARKET can help find a home for your previously loved items.

On Saturday, March 30th from 10:30am - 12:30pm the BRRAlliance will host the first REALLY REALLY FREE MARKET of 2019 at the Community Room of the Riverside Library - 820 Tonawanda Street.

Usually these are events held in the community gardens during the summer months, but special requests to host one during the winter have been made and the BRRRA has reserved the Community Room of the year event.

If you are bringing things to share remember:

- This is a commerce free event, everything you bring is to be given free of charge.
- You must stay with your things until they are gone and you must take anything that is not re-boned with you when you leave.
- Some tables will be available for you to use, and are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Whatever you bring should be clean and in useable condition.

If you are coming to browse, and hopefully find something you need, at past events we have had clothing, housewares, sheets, blankets, coats and shoes, cleaning supplies, makeup, baby things, and even some artwork.

You never know what you will find or be able to give to someone in our community that really loves your things as much as you once did.

The Preservation Series presented by the Black Rock Historical Society continues on Thursday, March 14 when Scott Glasgow will present Pre-Civil War Houses and Construction Techniques in Old Black Rock.

Mr. Glasgow is a 7th generation resident of Black Rock with a lifelong interest in history and architecture. He completed an award winning restoration of the circa 1830 Jacob Smith House and Tavern and has done extensive research on the oldest surviving structures in Black Rock.

His presentation will include a short history of the Village of Black Rock and a look at the oldest homes in the neighborhood. He will also share information about construction techniques and give you clues to dating early structures.

Last Thursday, a great group listened intently as Preservation Buffalo Niagara's Christiana Linniahs presented on Preservation Basics. She talked in depth about the landmark designation process and the rules, regulations and benefits of each designation type.

Each presentation starts at 6pm, are open to the public, free of charge and take place at the Black Rock Historical Society at 1902 Niagara Street.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara's Christiana Linniahs

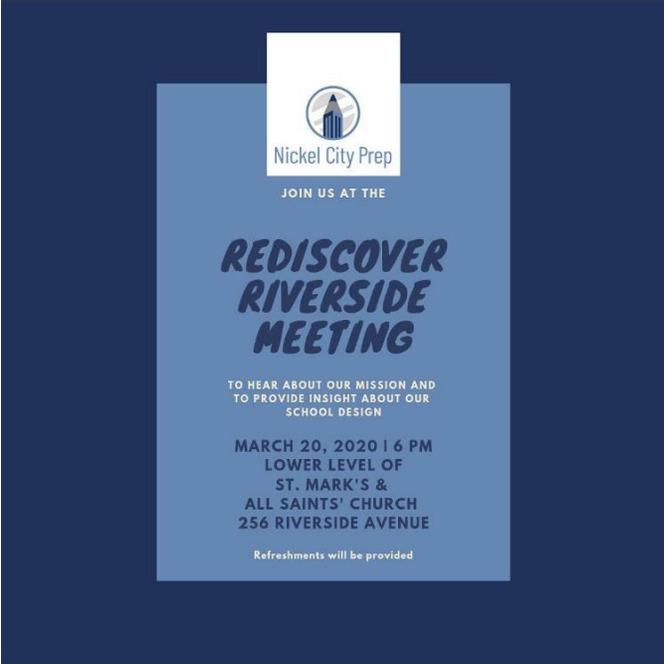
See sample 3d for agenda of Rediscover Riverside meeting to show Nickel City Prep item.

The March meeting of the **REDISCOVER RIVERSIDE** group will be held Weds., March 20th at 6pm in the lower hall of St. Mark's & All Saints' Church located at 256 Riverside Ave. off Ontario. We will hear neighborhood updates, along with a bit of information about a possible new school for our area. Our Housing Court Liaison will also be on hand to take your complaints. Come have a refreshment and spend an hour with us. Food Pantry donations are always gratefully accepted at our meetings. Thanks.

Sample 3c: Public Meeting Announcement

Nickel City Prep's Instagram Page

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**Rediscover
RIVERSIDE
MEETING**

TO HEAR ABOUT OUR MISSION AND
TO PROVIDE INSIGHT ABOUT OUR
SCHOOL DESIGN

MARCH 20, 2020 | 6 PM
LOWER LEVEL OF
ST. MARK'S &
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
256 RIVERSIDE AVENUE

Refreshments will be provided

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nickelcityprep Please join the Nickel City Prep Team at the Rediscover Riverside Meeting this Wednesday!
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Sample 3d: Public Meeting Agenda

Rediscover Riverside, March 20, 2019

Welcome & Introductions - Evelyn Vossler

Tonight's Guest is Brianna Lanoye, Lead Founder for Nickel City Prep

Community Updates:

- CPO / Police update
 - next Police Precinct Mtg. is Weds. April 3, 2018- 11AM at the D District Station House on Hertel. The May 1st meeting will be at 6 PM at Assumption Church Hall, 435 Amherst St. CPO contact number is 851-5822
- Erie Co. Legislator Peter Savage – Veteran's free training about lead safety for renovation, x repair, and painting. Info. available from Evelyn
- Councilman Joe Golombek, Jr. Report
 - Buffalo North District on Facebook – Send events to North2@city-buffalo.com
 - Community Breakfasts– next one is April 6th 8:30 AM @ Polish Cadets (Grant near Amherst Sts.) thanks to Council Member Joe Golombek and Erie Co. Legislator Peter Savage. Speakers: Erie Co. Health, Brianna Lanoye
 - Housing Report – Put in complaints on 311, tip sheets, or send to Jim at NorthDistrictHousingLiaison@gmail.com please. You can also contact Evelyn at 830-9817 for immediate questions or help

Announcements for the good of the neighborhood:

- BRR Alliance, Garden Group, & Black Rock Historical Society doings.
- 21st Ward Independence Day Assn. – for July 3rd and 4th events at Riverside Park.
Looking for sponsors, parade participants, Classic Car Exhibitors, and interested helpers. Speak to Evelyn Vossler on how you can get involved
- Neighborhood Housing Services – Debbie Lombardo had a conflict. They have an upcoming Fair Housing Community Forum on Weds., April 17 from 6 – 7:30 PM at Riverside DePaul Apartments (238 Ontario St.).

Next RR Meeting is on Weds., April 17th – **5:30 PM** St. Mark's & All Saints' parish hall
We will have a short meeting (no refreshments) and then head to the Fair Housing Forum (where there will be refreshments).

Contact Information: Evelyn at 830-9817 or grammyevelyn@aol.com
or Rediscover Riverside on Facebook -

Send email to get on our sender list if you are not already there. Thanks.

And thank you to those who brought Food Pantry Donations.

Sample 3e: Public Meeting Sign-In

Public Meeting Sign-In Rediscover Riverside
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