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RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of Red Clay schools this past year. We accomplished a great deal in 2015-16 and I am thrilled to share our successes in this Annual Report.

As Delaware's largest public school district, Red Clay continues to lead the way in preparing today's learners to thrive in tomorrow's world. For the fourth year in a row, we rank first in the state in PSAT, SAT, ACT and AP performance. Our four-year graduation rate exceeds the national average, and our drop-out rate is at a record low. We are home to four of the state's top-ranked high schools, with 20 dual enrollment courses helping students to earn college credit prior to graduation.

I hope this report helps you learn more about our outstanding students, staff and schools. I encourage you to visit us online at www.redclayschools.com, and join us in moving our district forward. Together, we can accomplish great things for the students of Red Clay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mervin B. Daugherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Red Clay Consolidated School District
2015-16 Delaware Superintendent of the Year



Alexis I. du Pont High School and the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union launch an on-site Student-Operated Financial Literacy Center, the first of its kind in the state of Delaware.



Principal Stephanie Armstrong joins students on Earth Day to plant a garden at Brandywine Springs School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Board of Education

- Michael Piccio, President
District E
- Kenneth J. Rivera, Vice President
District C
- Adriana L. Bohm
District A
- Faith R. Newton
District F
- Catherine H. Thompson
District G
- Martin A. Wilson, Sr.
District B
- Kenneth R. Woods
District D

District Leadership

- Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D.
Superintendent
- Hugh Broomall, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent
- Jill Floore
Chief Financial Officer
- Charles “Ted” Ammann, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for District Operations

OUR PURPOSE

Motto

Preparing Today for Tomorrow

Mission

The Red Clay Consolidated School District strives to provide the environment, resources and commitment necessary to ensure that every student succeeds.

Vision

Red Clay will be recognized as a leader in increasing achievement and improving outcomes for all students.

Strategic Goals

- >> Highly Effective Educators
- >> Early Literacy
- >> Closing the Achievement Gap
- >> College and Career Readiness
- >> Parent and Community Engagement

Core Values

- >> High Expectations for All
- >> Continuous Improvement
- >> Meaningful Collaboration
- >> Rich Diversity



Principal Erin McNulty (center) makes a surprise landing after students crush their spring literacy goals at Forest Oak Elementary School.



Baltz Elementary School students and teachers dress up as their favorite characters and treat district office employees to a mid-day costume parade.

DISTRICT PROFILE

35 miles southwest of Philadelphia
Largest public school district in Delaware

Established.....	1981
Location.....	Wilmington, Delaware
Grades.....	Pre-K to Post-Secondary

Our Students

Total Enrollment.....	17,816
English Language Learner.....	11%
Low Income.....	35%
Special Education.....	12%
School Attendance Rate.....	94%

Ethnic Distribution

African American.....	21%
American Indian.....	0.2%
Asian.....	7%
Hispanic/Latino.....	25%
Multi-Racial.....	2%
White.....	44%

Information from the Delaware Department of Education District
Profile, RCCSD FY16 Final Budget, RCCSD Office of Communications
and RCCSD Office of School Operations.

Our Schools

Total Number of Schools.....	32
Elementary Schools.....	15
Middle Schools.....	7
High Schools.....	7
Other Schools.....	5

Academics

Number of High School Graduates.....	1,278
High School Graduation Rate.....	89%
Scholarships Offered.....	\$34 million
Average SAT Score.....	970
Number of AP & IB Courses.....	38

FINANCE

Our Budget

Operating Budget.....	\$265 million
Instructional Service.....	63%
Operations and Maintenance.....	10%
Administrative Costs.....	8%
Support Services to Students.....	5%
Food Services.....	4%
Student Transportation.....	4%
Other.....	4%
Instructional Support.....	2%
Per Pupil Expenditure.....	\$12,495
Beginning Teacher Salary.....	\$42,068
Employees.....	2,305
2015-16 Tax Rate.....	\$1.984

District Expenditures

State/Local Operating.....	77%
Tuition.....	9%
Federal Programs.....	5%
Debt Service.....	4%
Nutrition.....	4%
Match Tax.....	1%

Sources of Revenue

Local.....	39%
State.....	55%
Federal.....	6%

*Information from the Delaware Department of Education
District Profile and RCCSD FY16 Final Budget.*



Tony-nominated Broadway legend Maurice Hines teaches a master class to dancers at Cab Calloway School of the Arts.



Thomas McKean High School seniors proudly join the Class of 2016, which saw 1,278 graduates and \$34 million in scholarships for Red Clay students.

HIGHLIGHTS

Jayna Lennon (The Charter School of Wilmington) was named a 2016 Scholar in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, with her teacher, Rose Lounsbury, honored as a 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Distinguished Teacher. Lennon was one of 3 semifinalists and 27 candidates from Red Clay schools including Alexis I. du Pont High School, Cab Calloway School of the Arts, The Charter School of Wilmington and Conrad Schools of Science.

Two outstanding Red Clay programs earned the Delaware Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Superstars in Education Award: the Project SEARCH school-to-work transition program for students with disabilities, and the Conrad Schools of Science Biomedical Partnership with Christiana Care.

High school valedictorians Benjamin Fickes (The Charter School of Wilmington), Arianna Hall (Thomas McKean High School), Madison Northshield (Conrad Schools of Science) and Cassandra Rossi (Cab Calloway School of the Arts) were named to 6abc's 2016 Best in Class list.

Forty-three Red Clay students earned the Michael C. Ferguson Achievement Award for their superior performance on the statewide reading assessment in grades 8 and 10.

Three Red Clay schools earned top spots at the 2016 National Technology Student Association Conference. From Henry B. du Pont Middle School, Jinay Jain took 1st place in Electrical Applications and the school team took 3rd in Website Design, 6th in Promotional Marketing and 10th in Medical Technology. From Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Grace Otley placed 4th in Prepared Presentation, Davina Wooley placed 5th in Promotional Graphics, and the school team took 6th in Webmaster. The Alexis I. du Pont High School team came in 3rd place in Structural Design and Engineering.

In the 2016 Delaware Young Playwrights Festival, Dana Hoffman (Cab Calloway School of the Arts) won the Realism Award and the Commended Play Award. Grady McPeak (The Charter School of Wilmington) won the Fearless Revisionist Award and the DYPF Third Place Award.

Seven Red Clay schools earned recognition at the 2016 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals: Cab Calloway School of the Arts, The Charter School of Wilmington, Conrad Schools of Science, Heritage Elementary School, Linden Hill Elementary School, North Star Elementary School and William Cooke Jr. Elementary School.

HIGHLIGHTS

Eleven creative Red Clay students were named winners in the 2015-16 Delaware PTA Reflections Contest: Marianna Campbell (Heritage Elementary School), Methuki Fonseka (Linden Hill Elementary School), Maya Hollstein (North Star Elementary School), Sowmya Janaki (Delaware Military Academy), Athan Livaditis (William Cooke. Jr. Elementary School), Shayla Modi (Henry B. du Pont Middle School), Abraham Restrepo-Parra (Stanton Middle School), Daniel Steenkamer (Henry B. du Pont Middle School), Aarush Sudamalla (North Star Elementary School), Amrita Tailor (North Star Elementary School), Amrutha Veeramachineni (Henry B. du Pont Middle School) and Elizabeth Zolanz (Heritage Elementary School).

Four Red Clay schools crushed the competition at the 2016 Delaware Secondary School Mathematics League: Henry B. du Pont Middle School took 1st place awards in 7th Grade Team and Individual events; Cab Calloway School of the Arts took 2nd place in the 8th Grade Individual event; and The Charter School of Wilmington took 1st place awards in the 9th and 10th-12th Grade events. Eight students earned additional recognition for perfect scores.

The Delaware Department of Education named teachers Sarah Bloom (Brandywine Springs School) and Stephanie Fleetwood (Linden Hill Elementary School) to the 2015-16 Common Core Dream Team.

Governor Jack Markell recognized seven Red Clay high-schoolers for their participation and leadership in the 2015-16 LinCS Chinese Language Study Abroad Program: Jake Borns (Alexis I. du Pont High School) and Zachary Black, Madison Northshield, Xander Opiyo, Fidel Rodriguez, Sean Sullivan and Gianni Thornton (all of Conrad Schools of Science).

Anna P. Mote Elementary School, Austin D. Baltz Elementary School, Evan G. Shortlidge Academy, Forest Oak Elementary School, Highlands Elementary School, Marbrook Elementary School, Richardson Park Elementary School, Warner Elementary School and William C. Lewis Dual Language Elementary School were selected for a federally-funded grant program to bring more fresh fruits and vegetables to children in need.

Eight Red Clay students qualified for the 2016 Delaware State National Geography Bee: Isabella Corraliza (North Star Elementary School), Vladislava German (Cab Calloway School of the Arts), Erin Glanz (Heritage Elementary School), Jonathan Haimowitz (Henry B. du Pont Middle School), Luke Henderson (John Dickinson High School: IB Middle Years Program), Anthony Lee (Skyline Middle School), Jostin Marin-Campusano (William C. Lewis Dual Language Elementary School) and Ephraimee Peng (William Cooke Jr. Elementary School).



The Project SEARCH team celebrates an award-winning school-to-work transition program for students with disabilities, one of two Red Clay programs to be named a 2016 Superstar in Education by the Delaware Chamber of Commerce.



Red Clay friends and community members gather to honor 12 impactful individuals at the district's first annual Hall of Fame Gala.

HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Secretary of Education Steven Godowsky honored 14 Red Clay seniors leading the Class of 2016 at the annual Secretary's Scholars banquet. "These scholars all have achieved incredible academic success, and they also have been important contributors to their school governments, service groups, arts productions, sports teams and after-school clubs. Many also have jobs and volunteer in their communities. They balance all of these demands of their time to still study hard and excel academically," Godowsky said. Recipients were Ashley Geist and Madeline Geist (Alexis I. du Pont High School); Sean Dermott and Gabriel MacKinney (Cab Calloway School of the Arts); Maitreyi Davé and Jared Saquing (The Charter School of Wilmington); Madison Northshield and Hailey Zirkle (Conrad Schools of Science); Nicole Certesio and Derek Golembrosky (Delaware Military Academy); Ian Chinnery and Tyler Clark (John Dickinson High School); and Arianna Hall and Corey Kreidler (Thomas McKean High School).

Sydney Fulton (Delaware Military Academy) was named a 2016 Gatorade Player of the Year for Volleyball and Kevin Murray (The Charter School of Wilmington) earned the title for Boys Track and Field and Cross Country.

Seven athletes represented Red Clay at the 2016 DFRC Blue Gold All-Star Football Game: Chandler Armstrong (Alexis I. du Pont High School), Alex Cross (Delaware Military Academy), Jamar Garfield (Alexis I. du Pont High School), Louis Hall (Thomas McKean High School), Trevor Hill (Delaware Military Academy), Aslan Pugh (The Charter School of Wilmington) and Paul Wolfe (Delaware Military Academy)

Twelve Red Clay athletes participated in National Signing Day. In football, Nic Boc (Delaware Military Academy) committed to play for Kings College, Taylor Edwards (Alexis I. du Pont High School) for Massachusetts, Wesley Jones (Alexis I. du Pont High School) for Norfolk State, and Juwan Morrow (Delaware Military Academy) for Lehigh. In soccer, Megan McCormick (Alexis I. du Pont High School) signed with George Washington, Sam Peters (The Charter School of Wilmington) with Holy Cross, David Rhoades (Delaware Military Academy) with Georgia Southern, Maddie Shockley (The Charter School of Wilmington) with LIU-Brooklyn, and Kaitlyn Siberski (The Charter School of Wilmington) with North Georgia. Regan Hidalgo (Alexis I. du Pont High School) signed to play baseball at Wilmington, Julia Lee (Alexis I. du Pont High School) will play field hockey at Neumann, and Giovanna Neel (Alexis I. du Pont High School), women's lacrosse at Utica.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Charter School of Wilmington's Team B won the 2016 Delaware Envirothon Championship, marking the school's 17th win in the event's 20-year history, including an unbroken winning streak since 2002.

Kendall Adkins (The Charter School of Wilmington), Alicia Cross (Delaware Military Academy), Sarah Bessel (Conrad Schools of Science) and Dara Spavlik (Conrad Schools of Science) made All-State Field Hockey.

Chris Avila, Jr., Erin Jackson and Kevin Murray, Sr. (all of The Charter School of Wilmington) made All-State Cross Country.

Paul Wolfe, Sr. (Delaware Military Academy) made All-State Football.

Sydney Fulton, Cassie Kowalski and Victoria Taylor (all of Delaware Military Academy) made All-State Volleyball.

In soccer, Eamon O'Connor (The Charter School of Wilmington) and Daniel Rhoades (Delaware Military Academy) made the All-State Boys Team, and Melayna Immediato (Delaware Military Academy) and Sheyenne Allen, Taylor Mitchell, Ali Munro and Sam Peters (all of The Charter School of Wilmington) made the All-State Girls Team.

Paul Wolfe (Delaware Military Academy) made All-State Boys Lacrosse and Caroline Grasso, Alexandra Mash and Jordan Wood (all of The Charter School of Wilmington) made the girls team.

In swimming, Kelly Blake (Delaware Military Academy), Alicia Diaz (Alexis I. du Pont High School) and Summer Sheats (The Charter School of Wilmington) made the All-State Girls Team, and Connor Sweeney (The Charter School of Wilmington) made the All-State Boys Team.

Noah Agwu (Alexis I. du Pont High School), Kevin Murray (The Charter School of Wilmington) and Tahaire Riely (Alexis I. du Pont High School) made All-State Track and Field. Murray, Stefano Pineda (The Charter School of Wilmington) and Kieran Tuntivate (The Charter School of Wilmington) also made the indoor team.

Ethan Chang, Grant Lu and Grace Shiau (all of The Charter School of Wilmington) made the All-State Tennis Team.



Stanton Middle School students walk for their heroes at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Kids Walk, an annual tradition which has raised over \$7,000.

OUR SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

- Anna P. Mote Elementary School
- Austin D. Baltz Elementary School
- Brandywine Springs School
- Evan G. Shortlidge Academy
- Forest Oak Elementary School
- Heritage Elementary School
- Highlands Elementary School
- Linden Hill Elementary School
- Marbrook Elementary School
- North Star Elementary School
- Richardson Park Elementary School
- Richey Elementary School
- Warner Elementary School
- William C. Lewis Dual Language
Elementary School
- William Cooke Jr. Elementary School

Middle Schools

- Alexis I. du Pont Middle School
- Brandywine Springs School
- Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- Conrad Schools of Science
- Henry B. du Pont Middle School
- Skyline Middle School
- Stanton Middle School

High Schools

- Alexis I. du Pont High School
- Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- The Charter School of Wilmington
- Conrad Schools of Science
- Delaware Military Academy
- John Dickinson High School
- Thomas McKean High School

Other Schools

- First State School
- James H. Groves Adult Education High School
- Meadowood Program
- Project SEARCH
- Richardson Park Learning Center

Cover: Linden Hill Elementary School students race to see their principal in the dunk tank, their prize for reading more than 750,000 pages in Red Clay's annual Reading Madness competition.



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