



City Neighbors Foundation Strategic Vision

If you could have The Best School You Can Imagine, what would it be?

At City Neighbors, we see children as creative, capable, powerful, and deserving of the deepest respect. This student-centered belief is rooted in the ideals of the progressive education tradition, and serves as the foundation for our commitment to arts integration, project-based learning, our Reggio-Emilia inspiration, the workshop model, our high school pod structure, attention to the environment, and cooperative governance.

The City Neighbors Foundation works to impact public education in two primary ways: We operate a network of highly successful, innovative schools and impact public education by developing teachers, practices, and environments that allow progressive, innovative schools to thrive locally and nationally.

**We create and support
a strong Network of
City Neighbors
Schools by:**

- Ensuring the Commitment to Mission and Vision
- Providing Robust Board and Principal Support
- Interfacing with City Schools to Protect Autonomy
- Maintaining Financial Health Through Strong Fiscal and Budgeting Practices
- Increasing Donor Base and Revenue Sources
- Recruiting Teachers and Leaders
- Creating Rich Professional Growth Opportunities for Educators
- Developing Model Physical Spaces

The City Neighbors Foundation actively works to impact public education by developing teachers, practices, and environments that allow progressive, innovative schools to thrive locally and nationally. We do this work by:

- Leading Professional Development Opportunities for Educators
- Increasing Training of Pre-Service or New Teachers
- Creating Lab School Structures and Practices
- Creating and Hosting Educational Events and Conferences
- Engaging in thought leadership through Presentations, Blogs, and Advocacy
- Documenting and Publishing Best Practices
- Engaging in and Leading a Variety of Local and National Organizations