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|   | Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School Strategic Needs 2017-2018  |
| Community Achieves Pillars: * Family Engagement

 * **College & Career Readiness**

 * Health & Wellness

 * Social Services & Adult Development
 | **Our Data:** During the 2016-2017 school year, our senior class earned a total of 4.1 million dollars in scholarships with 84.7% of students graduating with at least one college acceptance letter. Our average daily attendance rate is 88.8%, a decrease of 1.7% from the previous year. In addition, we experienced a 7% increase in our chronic absence rate. In our goal to help all students ensure all learning barriers are addressed, we are seeking volunteers, donations, and monetary support to increase student attendance and strengthen a college and career culture for graduates.    |
| **Our Needs:** **“I’m Accepted! Now What?” Workshop Presenters** -Our goal is to improve college retention rates by educating students through a college retreat regarding navigating college, campus life, financial literacy, etc. In order to complete this vision, we need: workshop presenters, giveaways for the retreat, and volunteers to facilitate the retreat. This retreat will take place Spring 2018.   **Volunteer Chaperones for College Trips** -We need volunteers knowledgeable about the college process to accompany students and facilitate conversations throughout college tours.     **Funding for Part-time Alumni Counselor** -We seek to fund a position dedicated to providing support for alumni during their first year of college in order to decrease the dropout rate of our first-generation college students.  **Paid Afterschool Tutoring Program** **-**During the 2016-2017 school year we launched “Earn to Learn,” a paid afterschool tutoring program that provided students with the opportunity to prioritize learning without sacrificing the need to earn money to meet their basic needs. While funds were provided for this pilot, we are in need of long-term financial support to continue the program and improving students’ academic gains.   |

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 | **Our Data:** 6.3% of parents have created an infinite campus family portal account. In the 2016-2017 Pearl-Cohn’s mobility rate was 53%, a7% increase from the previous year. Parent event participation has increased from fewer than 5 to 50 or more families involved in various events. This continues to be an area of growth and focus for Pearl-Cohn as we believe parents are students "first and best teacher." We want to keep families engaged and excited about partnering with Pearl-Cohn all year long and are seeking partners, volunteers, and donations to build a deeper and stronger connection with Pearl-Cohn families and the community.   |
| **Our Needs:** **Gift Card Donations for incentives for Families** - Donations of grocery cards, family movie tickets, local restaurants, and gas cards help us offer incentives for families to participate in Parent University workshops, increase student attendance, and increase participation in the PTSO.   **Community partners that provide educational opportunities for parents** -We are seeking partners who can come and teach short sessions about important information relating to the community, access to resources, information on local issues, and school navigation techniques.    **Child care services** -A factor that can limit parent attendance at events and meetings is child care.  Volunteers are needed in one-hour blocks to supervise children in the school building while parents attend various family engagement events each quarter.  **Transportation to Family Events** -A factor that can limit parent attendance at events and meetings is transportation. Bus passes or vans for family pick up is needed to eliminate barriers for families that wish to participate in family engagement opportunities.    |

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 | **Our Data:** Pearl-Cohn strives to meet the needs of the whole child while removing learning barriers for students. In 2016-2017, we provided mental health services and counseling to more than 100 students, CPR training to students through our annual Women’s Health Summit, and implemented daily school-wide SEL and Mindfulness Curriculum through advisories. Of the students screened in 2016-2017, 42% of students fell into the category of “overweight” or “obese”.  In order to meet the high demand for all health components, we are seeking partner support and donations.  |
| **Our Needs:** **Donations Onsite Vision, Allergy, and Mental Health Screenings** -Pearl-Cohn would like to provide vision, allergy, and mental health screenings for all students. We are seeking a partner to donate glasses for students that are identified in need.  **Effective Partner Support for Drug Prevention** -Pearl-Cohn is seeking to raise awareness of the effects of drugs on students’ physical, mental, and emotional health as well as the impact on their education. It is our desire to help students identify their root cause for substance abuse and provide alternative coping strategies for stress, grief, and/or trauma. We are asking partners to provide age appropriate workshops during the school day via school assemblies.    **Healthy Relating Education Sessions** -Pearl-Cohn has seen an increased need for education around students' healthy relating habits. We are seeking partners to provide quarterly sex preventions sessions via health and wellness or gender specific assemblies.   **Student Mentors** -Pearl-Cohn recognizes the impact of the presence of at least one healthy relationship/connection with an adult on a child's education and total health. We are asking for mentors from the community willing to complete a background check, mentor training, and meet with their mentee at least once a week on Fridays from 12:26pm until 12:59pm on campus.      |

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 | **Our Data:** Pearl-Cohn works together with our neighboring community to meet the significant needs of our students and families.  In 2016-2017 43% of Pearl-Cohn students and families received food bags and emergency school snacks. In addition, 220 families received articles of clothing for standard school attire. In order to keep the school as a central place of support, we depend on donations, partners, and volunteers.   |
| **Our Needs:** **Donations of high-need items** -Standard school attire clothes (school colored shirts and pants) are items that Pearl-Cohn provides to students as needed. \*Urgent needs: women's shirts (small-large), men's shirts (small-medium), belts, lady's leggings, sweat pants, cardigans and socks.   **Emergency Snacks** -Pearl-Cohn provides emergency snacks for more than 30 students a day that experience hunger that interferes with their learning in the classroom. We are in need of a consistent partnership that provides grab and go snacks such as peanut butter or cheese crackers, Goldfish, granola or Nutrigrain bars, cheese sticks, small bottled water, trail mix, etc.    **High-School Specific Supplies** As a project-based learning environment, our students are in need of 1-inch binders, dividers, page protectors, clipboards, poster board, and index cards.   |