

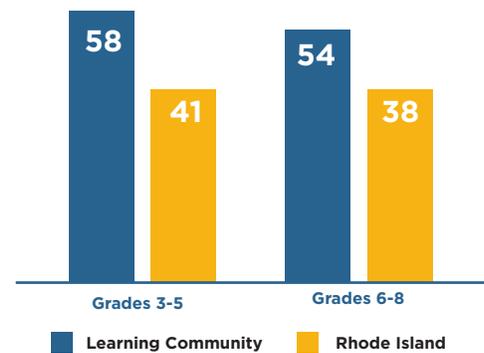
# We are The Learning Community

...a nationally recognized urban, public school serving **573 children**,

who enroll via a public lottery in K through 8th grade from Central Falls, Providence, and Pawtucket. We are a professional community that is focused on growing the whole child including speaking, listening and debate skills. And while we are not test focused, **Learning Community students of color outperformed RI white students** on the 2017 state standardized, PARCC English Language Arts (ELA) test. 56% of Learning Community students of color were proficient in English, while statewide only 50% of white students in grades 3-8 were proficient in English. Specifically: Learning Community Students (83% FRPL/low income) outperformed more than half of RI's suburban school districts on PARCC ELA.



**% Met or Exceeded Expectations  
PARCC ELA (2017)**



## OUR DEMOGRAPHICS

79% Latino, 16% Black, 5% White,  
<1% Native American or Asian

**83% qualify for free and reduced lunch**

32% English language learners

15% are special education students

61% receive academic safety net

## OUR MISSION

We believe that literacy empowers each individual to have a voice, assume community responsibility and take social action. We grow teacher leaders, student leaders and community leaders.

## Our results are extraordinary.

- Our elementary school **outperformed more than half of RI's suburban districts on PARCC ELA** and exceeded the state average by *seventeen percentage points!* We **exceeded the state average on PARCC in math** by 7 percentage points.
- We are the **top-performing urban RI middle school in both PARCC ELA and math**. We exceeded the state average in ELA by *sixteen percentage points* and in math by 7 percentage points.

# We are A Teaching Studio

embedded in The Learning Community, an intentional and targeted effort to share what works at this urban charter school with other public schools. Through working with us, our client schools are seeing actual *results*: The percentage of students reading at or above grade level in Woonsocket **increased from 32% in 2013-14 to 51% in 2016-17 - a jump of 19 percentage points in three years.**

Our bold plan is to scale up support to make the successful practices of The Learning Community **accessible to every school in Rhode Island.**

We have launched our own **ESL Teacher Certification program**, one of only a handful nationally that is actually offered by an urban elementary school.

**We know of and plan around the obstacles that public school teachers face.** Our work takes into account the unique nature of Rhode Island's educational landscape, where every district subscribes to a different curriculum, where teachers are increasingly teaching students who speak a second language at home and where poverty is real. This is one reason our clients realize actual outcomes in terms of student achievement, something educational consulting groups don't promise, let alone deliver.



**“We are so proud of our state test performance increase in ELA. Combined with the dedication and hard work of our teaching team, the Teaching Studio at The Learning Community provided all of their units of study along with targeted, grade level professional development. With high quality professional development from The Teaching Studio and dedicated Old County Road School Faculty, we were able to get real results.”**

*- Laurie Sullivan, Old County Road School Principal, Smithfield, RI, on their ELA PARCC score increases*

Scaling up our Teaching Studio work includes the launch of our Urban Residency Graduate Program, which is supported in part by the United Way of RI and The Rhode Island Foundation. Ask us about this ambitious and innovative new initiative coming to Rhode Island via our Teaching Studio.



## We are looking for partners in this venture

The right partners for The Teaching Studio are those interested in seeing the needle move on Rhode Island's urban core student growth. We need responsive and strong support for our work. Those states that have seen real progress have key organizations behind them. Our ideal supporters will share in the vision that The Learning Community and The Teaching Studio can become a key driver for progressive education for Rhode Island. Does this vision excite you?