

CISPA LAUNCHED THEIR PARTNERSHIP

with the Cambria County Child Development Corporation at the Morrell Neighborhood School at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Having a dedicated site coordinator serve preschool students in Tier I, II, and III initiatives is a new endeavor for CISPA, but being able to serve an entire district's student body from preschool to graduation was the logical next step, as Morrell Neighborhood School feeds directly into the Greater Johnstown Elementary School.

While programming may need to be adapted to adequately serve this new population, the building's site coordinator hit the ground running. Despite not staffing the building until early November, the site ended the year looking like there has been a partnership in place for a few years now. You can feel that it is a positive learning environment the moment you walk in the front door.

Morrell truly excels when it comes to numerous things, but family engagement is an area that needs additional praise. The site coordinator played an important role in the Parent Café program, where families were invited to the building after hours to talk about a variety of different subjects and to discuss hardships while never losing sight of the overall mission of keeping everyone informed.

The year ended with the creation of the school's vegetable garden, through a partnership with the United Way of the Laurel Highlands, the Penn State Master Gardeners program, and other community organizations. Students helped plant seeds before they left the building for summer, but were invited back at scheduled times to play in the garden, bring their families, and check in with their site coordinator. The fruits and vegetables they grew are then offered to families for free as part of a healthy eating initiative.

We could go on and on about the success of our partnership with CCCDC at Morrell, and we have full confidence that the 2023-2024 school year will carry it to even further heights.

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OUR IMPACT

Our Reach



19,885

students served through Tier I or whole school supports (duplicated)

1,188

parents served through Tier I or whole school supports (duplicated)

12

case-managed students



Our Results



100%
improved
behavior



75%
improved
academics



94%
made positive progress
toward their annual goals