

August 25, 2014
2014–2015 School Year, Issue 1

Welcome Back!

The 2014–2015 school year is officially under way and we have many exciting updates to share!

I am pleased to announce that Carrollton Schools recently received two Straight A grants from the Ohio Department of Education. The Straight A Grant program is designed to encourage innovation, and new ideas and ways to solve problems. Our first grant proposal was focused on one major goal—creating partnerships with Carroll County energy and agricultural industries and others to provide more college preparatory and job training opportunities for all students. Our second proposal was submitted in partnership with the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium—a group of 12 school districts, three career and technical centers, three higher education institutions, and 11 business/community partners from an 11-county area.



The goal of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium is to increase student achievement by building an education-to-employment model, impacting grades 6–14, exposing students to various business and technical pathways, work-based learning experiences, and leverage project-based learning that can prepare them to compete in the 21st century global economy.

We have been doing a lot of good things over the past few years, and it is important that we connect the good work already in place with new ideas and resources that will increase educator and student impact. These grants will help us grow our work and meet the goals outlined in our 2014-2018 strategic plan around: Student & Educator Growth, Partnerships, Finances, and Facilities.

Over the past several months, we have had meetings with our teachers, principals, union representatives, parents, and others to share hopes, fears, and opportunities about the grants and this work. After a great deal of discussion and planning, we are pleased to share the details of the **POWER** (**P**roviding **O**pportunities **W**ith **E**xtraordinary **R**esults) initiative in this first *POWER Notes* newsletter.

In the coming weeks and throughout the year, you will be seeing and hearing more about the POWER initiative. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit our new POWER website at www.CarrolltonPOWER.org or to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

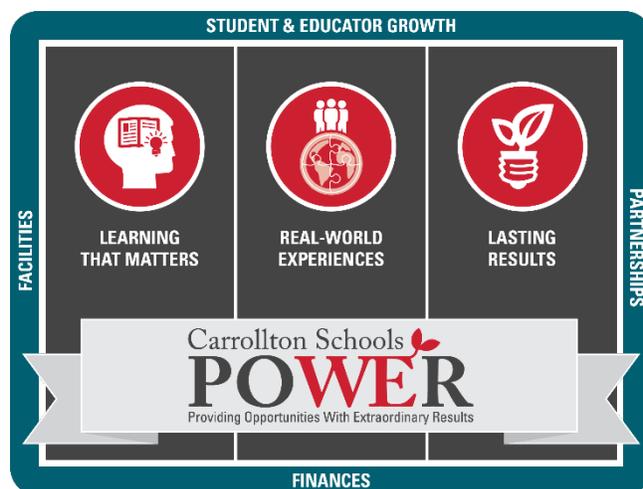
I look forward to great things this school year!

David Quattrochi, Superintendent
david.quattrochi@carrolltonschools.org

About POWER

As a district, we have always worked to give our students a great education and we must make sure that we are preparing our students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be successful in college, on the job, and in life. We want to make Carrollton a place where our kids want to stay, and where they can have a good job and quality of life.

Our new POWER Framework helps align our district goals with new ideas and resources that will increase educator and student impact. Through this initiative, we will provide more hands-on learning, post-secondary options, and job training opportunities for all of our students—kindergarten through high school.



LEARNING THAT MATTERS

Investing in innovative, project-based learning and STEM education opportunities for all students

Over the next few years, Carrollton will begin to integrate more project-based learning opportunities for all students and expand STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) offerings in the areas of Engineering, Agriculture, and Safety.



REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

Partnering with businesses, community organizations, and higher education to create new academic and career pathways for students

Business leaders know that students represent their future workforce. That's why they have a strong interest in making sure students have the right knowledge and skills. CEVSD will work to connect students, employers, and higher education.



LASTING RESULTS

Reducing district operating costs through innovative approaches

CEVSD is committed to the long-term sustainability of this work, and is placing significant emphasis on creating systems and processes to reduce operating costs.

The Latest News

You may begin to see changes in your child's classroom as early as this year, and some will continue to evolve over the next few years.

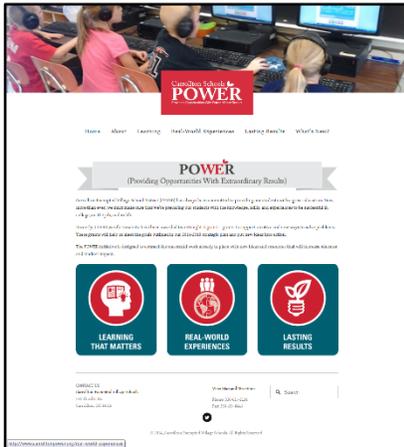
One of the most visible changes you have probably noticed is the construction around the district office. This will be the site for our new POWER Training Center—a place for not only our teachers and students to use, but also the community. Construction should be completed by the end of September and we look forward to hosting open house events this fall.



Other things that are in the works are a new greenhouse, gardens, trails, and a 21st century farm. All of these learning environments will provide hands-on experiences for our students and fit nicely with our project-based approach to learning.

These grants also provide funding for new technology. More computers mean more students will now be able to use the latest technology. Using technology to learn and communicate is only going to increase over the coming years, and we know our teachers and students will be excited to have these resources at their fingertips.

Connect With Us



We are committed to keeping you up-to-date about this work and have created several new communications tools to share information, including a new POWER website and blog, Twitter accounts, and this *POWER Notes* newsletter.

Access the new website at www.CarrolltonPOWER.org and follow district and superintendent news through Twitter at [@CEVSDWarriors](https://twitter.com/CEVSDWarriors) and [@DaveQuattro](https://twitter.com/DaveQuattro).

