

# A little bragging...

Solving real-world problems since 2004.



## COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

In response to COVID burdens, Two Rivers created the "Neighbor in Need" fundraising campaign, which raised nearly \$100,000 to supply emergency food and other resources to families.



## IMPRESSIVE PARTNERSHIPS

In order to foster stellar learning opportunities, Two Rivers has deep ties with local business entities, non-profits, and public offices including EDENS, Fougler-Pratt, NoMa BID, Anacostia Watershed Society, the Smithsonian, CityBridge Education, and members of City Council.



## STUDENT ACTIVISM

In their expedition showcase on resilience and resistance, seventh graders created works of performance poetry. Congresswoman DeLauro (D-CT) honored the students and their teachers by pronouncing the booklet, *The Power of Student Voices*, into the Congressional Record.

## EXCITING RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Facilities Upgrades to Prevent Spread of Pathogens

Two Rivers invested in two major facilities investments to mitigate the spread of germs and viruses. Bipolar Ionization units mitigate the circulation of airborne pathogens and improve air quality. Touchless bathroom plumbing fixtures and water bubbler bottle fillers help prevent the spread of germs from hand contact.

### New Middle School Building

In order to accommodate three hundred middle schoolers, Two Rivers Middle School relocated to a larger, state-of-the-art building at the Young campus in 2021.

### Commitment to Antiracism

All staff engaged in year-long, small group conversations to surface systemic inequity around race within Two Rivers' systems. Every staff member received a copy of *Unconscious Bias in Schools*, which acted as the anchor text.

### Two Rivers Learning Institute

In order to support educators at Two Rivers and beyond, the school launched a professional development arm called Two Rivers Learning Institute. Visit [learn.tworiverspcs.org](http://learn.tworiverspcs.org) to understand our philosophy and instructional practices.

### Unique Expeditions

Reporter Delia Goncalves of WUSA9 discovered that learning expeditions are designed to help students solve the world's stickiest problems. With the pandemic taking center stage in their lives, middle schoolers researched and wrote op-ed articles about problems in their own lives over the last year, such as degrading mental health and increasing food insecurity. Then, they engineered app-based solutions on code.org and promoted their products through commercials.

## NOTABLE GUESTS

**Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education**, praised the school, saying, "The model you're creating here... is very, very significant... I couldn't be more proud. Keep it going, don't stop!"

**Muriel Bowser, DC Mayor**, speaking at the Two Rivers Young Elementary School ribbon-cutting ceremony shared her excitement about our new campus and the contributions Two Rivers would make to the Carver Langston community.

**Deborah Kenny, author of *Born to Rise* and CEO of Harlem Village Academies** said, "You have done something extraordinary - this is a fabulous place."

**Eduardo Briceno, CEO of Mindset Works** said during his visit, "As I've walked around your classrooms, I have seen students grappling and applying learning to meaningful tasks and activities."

**Ron Berger, Chief Academic Officer of EL Education** said "There is no school that I have visited in 43 years that takes instruction more seriously than this school, that gets more geeky, more obsessed, more worried about getting instruction right for kids than this place."

