

The Report Card

Keeping Children Connected through Education



A Newsletter by **Project Connect** - Homeless Education Program for Cincinnati Public Schools

Hattermer is "Pure Gold" at Woodward

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For the past two years, Woodward Career Technical High School has had a site based employee three days a week from Project Connect. Woodward, at 10%, had the highest percentage of all CPS high schools as far as children experiencing homelessness. Leslie Hattermer, Adolescent Consultant at Woodward, is a former CPS teacher and brings a wealth of experience to the job. Principal Shauna Murphy has said, "Having Project Connect and Leslie Hattermer at Woodward Career has been a blessing. The program and all it has to offer is like pure gold." Leslie has helped with attendance, stability, and emotional support for students. Leslie has taken an active role in helping

students graduate and fulfill their post-secondary aspirations. In partnership with Visions, Leslie has also helped



numerous students obtain housing. Project Connect is also collaborating with The Urban League to provide Project Connect's first ever summer program for highly mobile adolescents. The program is being designed to help students remain connected to their education and their

school community throughout the summer. Woodward's Project Connect is also involved in the Young Women Writing for a Change program. Each week, a facilitator for Women Writing for a Change goes to three CPS high schools to provide programming for the girls in Project Connect. In May, girls in the program from all three schools will unite for a "read around" at the Women Writing for a Change headquarters. An anthology of their work from the year will be created, giving the girls an opportunity to be published writers. Leslie can be reached at 513.363.9465 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room A133 at Woodward.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Quick Reminder

If, due to a lack of housing (or a domestic violence situation) you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground, on the street, in an abandoned building or trailer, or doubled-up with relatives or friends, then according to the McKinney-Vento Act, you are considered homeless.

FwP Board Member Receives John E. Pepper Cincinnatus Awards

On March 8, Bill Hutchinson received the John E. Pepper Education Community Service Award. He received this award for his countless volunteer hours and 10 year devotion to FwP. He currently serves as FwP Treasurer. When not volunteering countless hours, Bills loves to catch a good tune at The Comet in Northside and hike and bike in great outdoors!



PC staff and FwP Board Members

Mini Report Card for 2009 - 2010



Total Number of Students Identified

2,569 children

Uniform Vouchers for **929 children**