

CSRB Meeting: May 2026

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Title: **Central Park School for Children's Request to Amend Mission Statement**

### **Detailed Item Description**

Central Park School for Children is a public charter school in Durham County that has operated since 2003 and currently serves around 575 students in grades K–8. The Board of Directors is requesting approval from the Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) for a revised mission statement. In August 2022, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the school's mission statement, following a proposal from Executive Director John Heffernan. The original 2018 charter mission was streamlined to "All Children Thrive," maintaining the same core intent.

This updated mission reflects the school's continued commitment to fostering an inclusive, equitable environment and delivering a whole-child, student-centered approach tailored to individual needs. The foundational values outlined in the original charter remain unchanged and continue to guide the school's work.

### **ORIGINAL MISSION STATEMENT**

To create a community rooted in justice and equity where all children thrive.

### **REVISED MISSION STATEMENT**

All children thrive.

### **Input Process**

Central Park School for Children stakeholders, school leadership, and the Board of Directors

### **Documents**

All required documents have been submitted to the Office of Charter Schools.