

## **Abstract Narrative**

### **Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys/Five Smooth Stones Foundation, Inc.**

This proposal is submitted to secure federal support for the creation of Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys as a public charter school in Baltimore Maryland. The school will provide a high quality educational option for students from underserved communities in Baltimore, serving families from grade 4 through grade 12.

Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys (BCSB) is being established to seek out, find and advance forward the next generation of young men who will, through the finest liberal arts education possible, become responsible citizens who will lead and serve in our community, the nation and the world. With the help of invested families, committed teachers and young eager minds, Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys will transform the next generation of young men in Baltimore Maryland. BCSB is an institution that will shape boys into men – students into Scholars – over a period of nine years, from grade 4 through grade 12. The name of the school clearly defines the identity of the school as a college preparatory institution with a rigorous liberal arts and “classical study” curriculum in literature, history, music, art, oratory, mathematics, science, and physical education.

The vision for BCSB is organized around two core objectives:

- 1) Ensure that every single Collegiate scholar achieves academic success. Our first objective is to defy the expectations for the urban male learner. With evidence that 1 in 10 African American boys are reading at grade level in Baltimore City, we have designed a standards based curriculum modeled on successful approaches used at high performing schools throughout the nation. We hope to achieve success in showing that Collegiate students will show 1.7 years of progress in reading and math for each year of attendance at BCSB.
- 2) Establish one of the first single gender early college high school programs in the nation. In partnership with the University of Baltimore, we are designing an academic program that will prepare our scholars for college-level work in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Early college schools combine high school and college in a rigorous, yet supportive learning environment, shortening the time it takes to earn a college degree and saving money in the process. We have a vision to open the door of educational opportunity for all, especially boys from low-income families, English language learners, and first generation college-goers. Based on the success of schools such as Urban Prep in Chicago and Eagle Academies in New York City, we are promising to families that 100% of our high school early college students will graduate from high school on time, matriculate to college and complete a college education.

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