

## **Stellar Collegiate Charter School Abstract Narrative**

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Stellar Collegiate will open in August 2016 with 140 students in K4 (kindergarten for 4 year olds) and K5 (kindergarten for 5 year olds) and will grow to 410 students in grades K4 to 5 over the next six years. The Stellar Collegiate mission is to place every child on the path to college and equip all K to 5 students to succeed in middle school, gain access to selective high schools and create futures bright with opportunity. We believe this mission is possible when all students gain the academic and character skills necessary for success in school and life. This begins, for us, with an unwavering focus on ensuring all of our students are proficient readers by 3rd grade. Stellar Collegiate is a K-5, college preparatory charter school serving the Near Southside of Milwaukee. With only 15% of 3rd graders on average attaining reading proficiency, in the schools that already exist in our target community, there is a very real need for the school we are currently planning for.

Through an extended day, deep engagement with families, a teacher specialization model, a multi-tiered intervention system, maximizing small group instruction, and employing a data-driven approach to instruction, we believe that we can produce outstanding outcomes for all student at Stellar Collegiate, including students with disabilities and English Learners. We are committed to laying the foundation for an excellent school for day one, and continuing to refine and strengthen our practices to increase student achievement annually.