\$3,500

CLASSROOM FACILITIES, CURRICULUM, SUPPLIES

\$100 FIELD TRIPS \$250

\$2,000

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

INVESTMENT PER STUDENT

\$150

\$1,500

3 MEALS + 3 SNACKS

\$2,000

BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT + STUDENT THERAPY

\$2,500

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

\$1,000

\$3,000

SPIRITUAL FORMATION + ENRICHMENT CLASSES

\$10,000

**CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION** 

## Not Just Education, A <u>Just</u> Education

As you read about our investment in students and families, you may be curious about the expense of various elements. Quite simply, we believe all students deserve the best and thrive with a holistic approach that considers their academic, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. As a response to our specific history, we have set out to imagine a new academic system that places human flourishing as a central goal. Understanding where we came from will help you to imagine where we are going.

The beautiful tapestry of God's world is torn, yet not beyond repair. In this country, segregation gave way to integration and the establishment of segregated academies. In English Avenue and on the west side of Atlanta specifically. Black children and families endured half-day education due to overcrowding. As progress was made in our community, full-day school was finally offered to Black children, only to have the school bombed due to racist outrage around school integration in the '60s. In the '90s, the English Avenue School closed, punctuating a legacy of undereducation in our neighborhood that has continued to this day. As a result of this harmful history, in our community, we now see

- The prediction of prison populations based on 3rd grade reading scores, commonly called the school-to-prison pipeline.
- A 20 year life expectancy gap between our zip code and others in our city.
- The largest wealth inequality gap in the country for the last 10 years.

At Peace Prep, we envision a new system with new outcomes. The investment described on the front of this document illustrates our vision. Four key pillars guide our model for holistic transformation: Our instruction and support services are developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant, trauma informed, and spiritually formative.

Committed to small class sizes, we value individualized attention that allows students to learn most effectively. We seek to remove barriers to access by providing uniforms, meals, and school supplies to every student at no cost to families. A high-quality education includes meaningful experiences outside the classroom, so every Peace Prep student spends time in art, music, theater, PE and on field trips. When needed, students participate in academic intervention and therapy. And through Family Support Services, we walk alongside Peace Prep families as they balance access to food, housing, and the other complex realities of raising children. These investments represent our commitment to seeing whole children and whole families flourish in our community.

Conversations about systematic injustice can be difficult and often produce misunderstanding. Yet space for creativity, imagination, and new ideas also exists. Our hope is to invite you to imagine what is possible when we invest in a future that does not belong to us. A just education begins with one child, in one family, in one community, which makes it possible for the earth to look more like heaven in our midst.

