

**FACE
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**with
Education
Leaders**

Here is a personal look at the educational leaders who set the tone at their schools to ensure superb curriculum, effective teaching and student success. Learn more about the philosophy that some of Pittsburgh's top schools are built on and how their leaders implement these ideas. *Pittsburgh Parent* recognizes these administrative leaders' dedication to students, teachers and parents.

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21st Century Cyber Charter School (21CCCS) was founded as a non-profit, public cyber charter school in 2001 by public school superintendents and the executive directors of the Chester, Montgomery, Berks and Delaware County Intermediate Units. Seventeen years later, 21CCCS continues to grow and thrive under the direction of the professional educational administrators in these same positions, claiming the title of the highest performing cyber charter school in Pennsylvania!

During the 2017-2018 school year, 21CCCS continued its growth by enrolling 1600 students and employing approximately 60 full-time, PA-certified teachers. For the past three years, 21CCCS has been named by Philly.com as a Top Workplace! All teachers and staff report daily to the Downingtown, PA or Murrysville, PA school locations, creating a welcoming environment for teachers to collaborate to ensure student success. 21CCCS teachers and

developers also write all curriculum in-house based upon the PA Core Standards and continually improve lessons and assignments based upon data.

21CCCS prides itself on its customer service to students and parents. Certified teachers are available to assist students 56 hours/week, including evenings. Teachers also serve as academic advisors, providing a personal connection with a small caseload of students. In addition, many socialization opportunities, clubs, and activities are available to students across the state of Pennsylvania including a wide variety of field trips, talent shows, National Honor Society, mural club, coding club, prom, bowling party and summer camp.

