



# GOOD NEWS



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*Cincinnati Public Schools is proud to highlight district achievements and community support.*

### **After-School Programs Get Big Boost**

The Ohio Department of Education recently awarded CPS and its CincyAfterSchool partners 14 five-year grants totaling \$11.9 million, which will allow the program to expand to 28 CPS sites. CincyAfterSchool is a network led by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati that includes many area nonprofit partners that provide extended learning opportunities for public school students. Each site serves up to 125 children and their families – providing tutoring/mentoring, technology skills development, career exploration, service learning, leadership training and other programs. Newly added CPS sites include Frederick Douglass School, Roberts Paideia Academy, Rothenberg Preparatory Academy, Saylor Park School, William H. Taft Elementary and Woodward Career Technical High School.

### **SCPA Student Earns National Recognition for Performance**

School for Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) student Kiandra L. was selected as a finalist in the monologue category of the National Individual Events Showcase (NIES) at the 2009 International Thespian Festival. The NIES was held last month at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The NIES program offers students an opportunity to receive constructive feedback on prepared performances and technical design, allowing them to pinpoint their talents, identify strengths and weaknesses, and grow as theater artists. Kiandra was one of only 18 performance and technical theater finalists selected for recognition out of more than 450 students who auditioned.

**If you have Good News you would like to share, please forward it to Dawn L. Grady at [gradyda@cps-k12.org](mailto:gradyda@cps-k12.org). Thank you!**