



# Cold Spring School

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY  
2016 - 2017

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# DEAR FRIENDS,

At Cold Spring School, children are at the center of all learning. Their voices matter and their questions are integral to curriculum design and authentic learning experiences. In this way, children see that their ideas, their efforts, and their work matter. Joyful Learning matters as much now as it did when we were founded 35 years ago, and you will see our commitment to progressive education reflected in the following pages!

I'm proud to report that in 2016-2017 we began the process of looking toward the future of Cold Spring School. A strategic planning review was embarked upon with the goal of establishing a clear vision for the next decade. As part of this initiative, we partnered with a local architect to design and implement long-awaited changes that will integrate the architecture of the whole campus at Cold Spring School over the course of the next two to three years.

Last year, we also saw the creation of a new Board committee to look at diversity and inclusion at Cold Spring. We hired a consultant to help guide us through the important task of creating a school environment where all members feel a sense of belonging. This work compliments our Social and Emotional Curriculum where kindness, compassion, respect, and empathy are modeled and practiced throughout the day.

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Efforts continue to strengthen relationships with our neighbors in the Fair Haven community. The James Street Collaborative was formed in 2016 when educators from Cold Spring School and two other elementary schools on James Street came together with the idea of developing meaningful connections and partnerships. With different student populations and educational approaches, the partnership of our three schools creates rich learning opportunities for students and faculty as we listen, empathize, and appreciate multiple perspectives.

We are excited about what the future holds for Cold Spring School. Thank you for believing in us, partnering with us, and supporting us as we work hard to cultivate thinkers for the future. We are excited to continue on our journey of building a thriving community of learners, explorers, and doers!

Warmly,

*Arati*

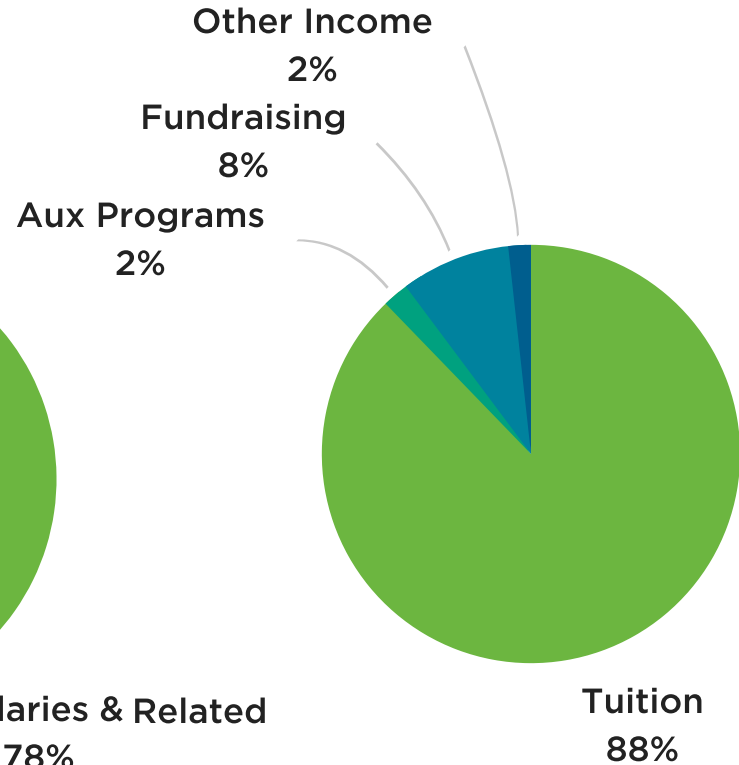
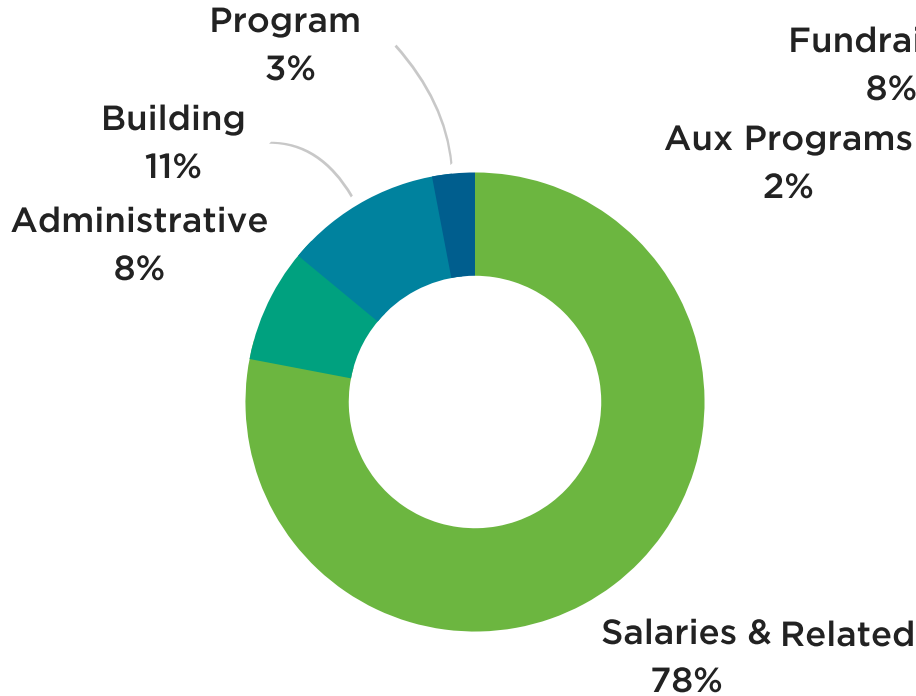
Arati Pandit  
Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



# EXPENSES AND REVENUE



# COMMITMENT TO A COMMUNITY OF DIVERSE LEARNERS

Cold Spring School is committed to creating a vital democratic society through the economic, racial and cultural diversity of the student population. Families, staff and board members do all they can to help make that happen by supporting the school and its scholarship fund.

The Cold Spring School Board of Trustees has consistently supported our commitment to socio-economic diversity by steadily increasing the financial aid dollars awarded each year.

We feel that childhood is the perfect time to nurture deep-rooted qualities of empathy, compassion and generosity. The school community strives to inspire in our students a willingness to share personal resources, skills and creativity. Through voluntary generosity, adults in our community become models for the behavior we want our students to emulate.

**Cold Spring School served 147 children in Preschool - Grade Six in 2016-17.**

**Tuition covers all instructional materials, supplies, and field trips. Tuition for the 2017-18 academic year:  
Preschool = \$14,900  
Kindergarten through Sixth Grade = \$23,800**

**\$690,000** in financial aid awarded in 2016-17.

**42%** of our student body are students of color.

**44%** of our students receive financial aid.

**24.7%** = median % of students who receive financial aid in CAIS schools.



## AREAS OF SUPPORT

100% PARTICIPATION  
IN THE COLD SPRING  
FUND BY CURRENT  
FAMILIES, TRUSTEES,  
FACULTY & STAFF.

<b>Cold Spring Fund</b>	<b>\$67,340</b>
<b>Major Giving</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
<b>Auction 2017</b>	<b>\$61,560</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>\$3,935</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$272,835</b>

# THANK YOU!

Cold Spring School is deeply grateful for your support, partnership and commitment to our students. We rely on your contributions to ensure financial stability and carry out our mission. Philanthropy is an integral component of our school culture and a community effort that we encourage every family to support. We're thrilled to report 100% participation from current families, faculty & staff, and trustees.

Dollars raised through the Cold Spring Fund are unique in that they directly impact the school's operating budget for the year in which they are given. Gifts to the Fund help sustain the qualities that define a Cold Spring School education — teachers, programs, music, art, financial aid, faculty development and retention.



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US KNOW IF WE HAVE  
OMITTED YOUR NAME.

COLD SPRING FUND

# CREATING Y(OUR) STORY

What a night! Auction 2017, themed "Creating Y(our) Story, was a fabulous party with a purpose. Tents filled the Pear Tree Yard the evening of May 5th, 2017. Guests enjoyed live bluegrass music performed by David Sasso's band and Outer Light beer donated by Randy and Ania Teel. Inside, children's photos adorned the walls of the Community Building and Cold Spring School was transformed for a night.

Our biennial Auction is enjoyed by the grown-ups but its returns are all for the students of Cold Spring. Children come to school each day with joy and eagerness to learn and work with a curiosity, intention, and empowerment.

These same traits were on display from Jen Grace Baron and Polly LaBarre who led the live auction with both determination and humor. Trustees Lisa Marcus and Mike Deakin, along with staff member Laura Schienkopf, appealed for dollars to enhance Cold Spring School's commitment to outdoor learning during the Fund-a-Cause.

**Silent Auction \$7,425**

**Live Auction \$9,900**

**Fund-a-Cause \$24,400**

**Business Sponsors \$7,900**

**Hamilton Raffle \$3,200**

**Bus is Here \$220**

**Ticket Sales \$7,605**

**Donated Admission \$780**

**GROSS REVENUE \$61,430**





An evening like this comes together because of the generosity and the work of so many people - trustees, parents, teachers, administrators, community supporters, and friends of the school.

We are immensely grateful to every member of our community who made Auction 2017 a success. Special thank you to our Auction Committee members for their work!

**Ellyn Black**  
**Cindy Mahoney**  
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AUCTION PHOTOS





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