

**Cumberland County Charter School Network
Cumberland County Charter School Network Expansion Project**

ABSTRACT

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Cumberland County Charter School Network Expansion Project (CCCSN-EP) is seeking \$1,000,000 in *Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools Funds* over a 5-year period to expand a network of three high quality, high performing, independent charter schools in Cumberland County, New Jersey - a county with high percentages of minorities and disadvantaged students, ranking 21 of 21 counties in the state in poverty. The network of schools includes Vineland Public Charter (VPCS), Millville Public Charter (MPCS), and Bridgeton Public Charter (BPCS). The three schools use a shared service model for administrators, professional/support staff, and business services, resulting in an efficient model for education services. Despite the economic challenges and other education barriers faced by students in the service area, VPCS and MPCS¹ have achieved Tier I School status as defined by the New Jersey Department of Education and are ranked #1 and #2 respectively out of 30 schools in Cumberland County. As part of the ongoing efforts to meet the growing needs of Cumberland County children, the **CCCSN-EP** will use the grant funds to expand all three schools one grade level annually over a five year period, resulting in VCPS PK-12, MPCS K-12, and BPCS K-8 schools; furthermore the grant will build capacity for **CCCSN-EP** to meet demands of highly diverse student bodies comprised of large numbers of economically and educationally disadvantaged children. The Project Narrative provides evidence of the success the existing schools have experience and how **CCCSN-EP** will ensure the expansion project achieves the same levels of success.

¹ Data of this type is not available for BPCS due to the short life-span of the school – established in 2015.