



## **2024 Renewal Report Evaluative Comments**

**Page 3** - In the report, "progressive" when referring to our school model as one that is based on progressive education has quotation marks around it, which could cause confusion to people who are not familiar with the model. Progressive Education is an established model of education as documented in the work of John Dewey, Deborah Meier, Bank Street College, and the Progressive Education Network. Progressive Education is rooted in experiential learning (often called learning by doing), interdisciplinary curriculum, discussion, and democratic principles in action within the school. Progressive education is also a model rooted in social justice, which is a core tenet of our school model. We submit these comments to further connect the Compass model to an established model of education with years of rich history, research, and examples, which unfortunately has not always been accessible to children who qualify as ED, SWD, and/or ELL.

**Top of page 12** - Compass is located in a Community School District with a very low ELL population and Compass has been working on increasing enrollment of children who qualify as ELL. In addition to recruitment efforts listed below, Compass employs a full time ELL Specialist. The renewal report does not name the ELL specialist as a key lever in increasing ELL students.

**Top of page 32** - When referring to recruitment and enrollment, the renewal report mentions our contract with Underdog Strategies to boost enrollment. Compass partnered with Underdog to boost enrollment of ED and ELL students only and all work is specifically targeted to this goal. Compass receives many more applications than seats each year and maintains a healthy waitlist. Compass does not need an overall enrollment boost, but rather a demographic shift. Compass leaders were strategic about the partnership with Underdog and how to what they are supporting us with. Compass also invested funds, time, feedback from current ED and ELL families, and significant strategic energy into shifting the enrollment makeup of our school due to being located in a heavily gentrified neighborhood with a dwindling number of children who qualify as ED and ELL.

**Top of page 35** - There is more information about our partnership with Underdog Strategies in this section. Unfortunately, there is nothing mentioned about the groundwork of canvassing at local child care centers, churches, family/community events, and along all of our yellow school bus routes. There is also no mention of tours for families who are interested through canvassing and the process for contacting all interested families after they see our targeted digital ads, support with enrollment forms, and our in person New Student Event to welcome newly enrolled families.