

School Play: Cast of Characters



Joe Bruni, William Penn School District Superintendent

"The chocolate milk tastes best in school than in anywhere else in the world. "



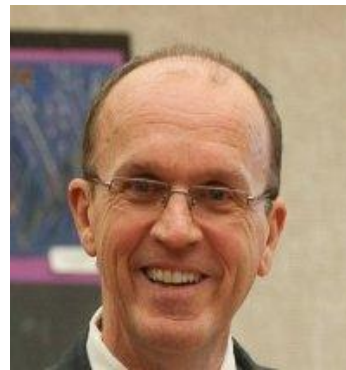
Caleb Swartz, Central PA resident

"And he said, and I quote, 'You're too damn smart not to go to college.' "



Charles Zogby, Pennsylvania Budget Secretary

"When adult interests come in conflict with kids interest, I don't think the kids win."



Gerry Zahorchak, Superintendent at Greater Johnstown School District

"You find yourself asking, 'Tell us who you are.' "



Ariel Sivenrnes, Johnstown HS Student

"I'm going to come to junior year with a new attitude and actually get good grades."



Mike Vuckovich, High School Principal at Greater Johnstown School District

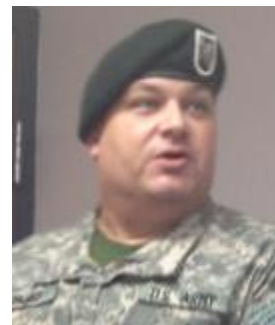
"We need that persistence: that's what used to define us."



Simran Sidhu

Executive Director at YouthBuild Philly

"It's such a complicated issue. No one is really evil"



Marc Spanko

US Army Green Beret

"When a student struggles or a family struggles, we pitch in as a community and we help them. "



Dan Denvir, Journalist

"I like to look at this as if you were, kind of, approaching American public education from outer space... what's the first thing you notice?"



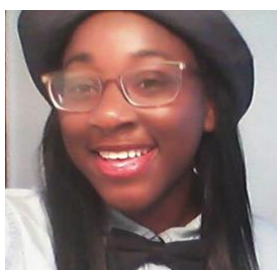
Jamil Allen, Parent,
William Penn School District

"If you want something, you have to ask! No one's going to ask YOU"



Doug Herman, Video Production and History Teacher at SLA

"He didn't know how to just be a kid, and it was because of the experiences he was having outside of school."



Yvonne Reynolds, Junior, Creative and Performing Arts High School

"Like this is not High School Musical!"



Brandon Leonard, Lower Merion High School Student

"White boards. No, no chalk boards. I don't think I've ever seen a chalk board."



Peter Schmitz, Actor, Teacher, Accents & Dialects Coach

"It shouldn't matter where you live for what kind of education you get."



Marlene Goebig, Theater Teacher at Creative and Performing Arts High School

"I'm a cog in the machine. If I fell over then some other cog would replace me."



Sheldon Pavel, Retired High School President

"You're educating the kids who are going to be making decisions about your future."






Don Trotz, School Counselor

"I try to be visible. That's the key. "



John William Davis Jr., Laborer

"Even if I was showing off or whatever, she'd give me some kind words"

 <p>Matt di Prospero, Handyman</p> <p><i>“She actually took me aside and said you know, who do you think the smartest kid in this class is?”</i></p>	 <p>Ralph Rosian Korean War Veteran</p> <p><i>“The teacher paid me 10 cents a day to go and build a fire”</i></p>
 <p>Erica Swift, Teacher at Lincoln High</p> <p><i>“Would I be able to do this if I had children of my own?”</i></p>	



It's a tough subject.