



DISCOVERY
CHARTER SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the new Executive Director of Discovery Charter School, I am thrilled to be a contributing member of the Discovery family! Our administrative team will continue working with all stakeholders to build upon the foundations already established at Discovery. We will continue strengthening our student-centered learning environment by expanding educational opportunities, defining student learning outcomes and providing systems of support to all students.

We appreciate your commitment to Discovery Charter School. We invite you to read through our Annual Report which highlights Discovery Charter School and the impact we have in our school community

Greg Guernsey
Discovery Charter School
Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT



As we closed the 12th year of Discovery the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors, administrators and staff remain committed to the values and quality education that was put in place when the school was founded.

We have compiled our first annual report to share a glimpse of our events and our numbers from the 2022-2023 school year. Every year brings change, new families, new staff, new obstacles and new fun. We will continue to embrace the change, as that is how we move forward, while holding on to our mission and vision in every decision made.

Thank you to our families for your countless volunteer hours, for trusting us AND partnering with us in the education of your children and for supporting your teachers both in and out of the classroom. Thank you to our staff for working diligently throughout the year to make the 2022-2023 year a success, working through obstacles and enjoying successes.

We are proud to be Hawks and thrilled to share this report with you.

Lisa Gonzalez

Discovery Charter School

School Board President

MISSION & VISION

OUR VISION

An inclusive community that nurtures how to think, not what to think
— one child at a time.

OUR MISSION

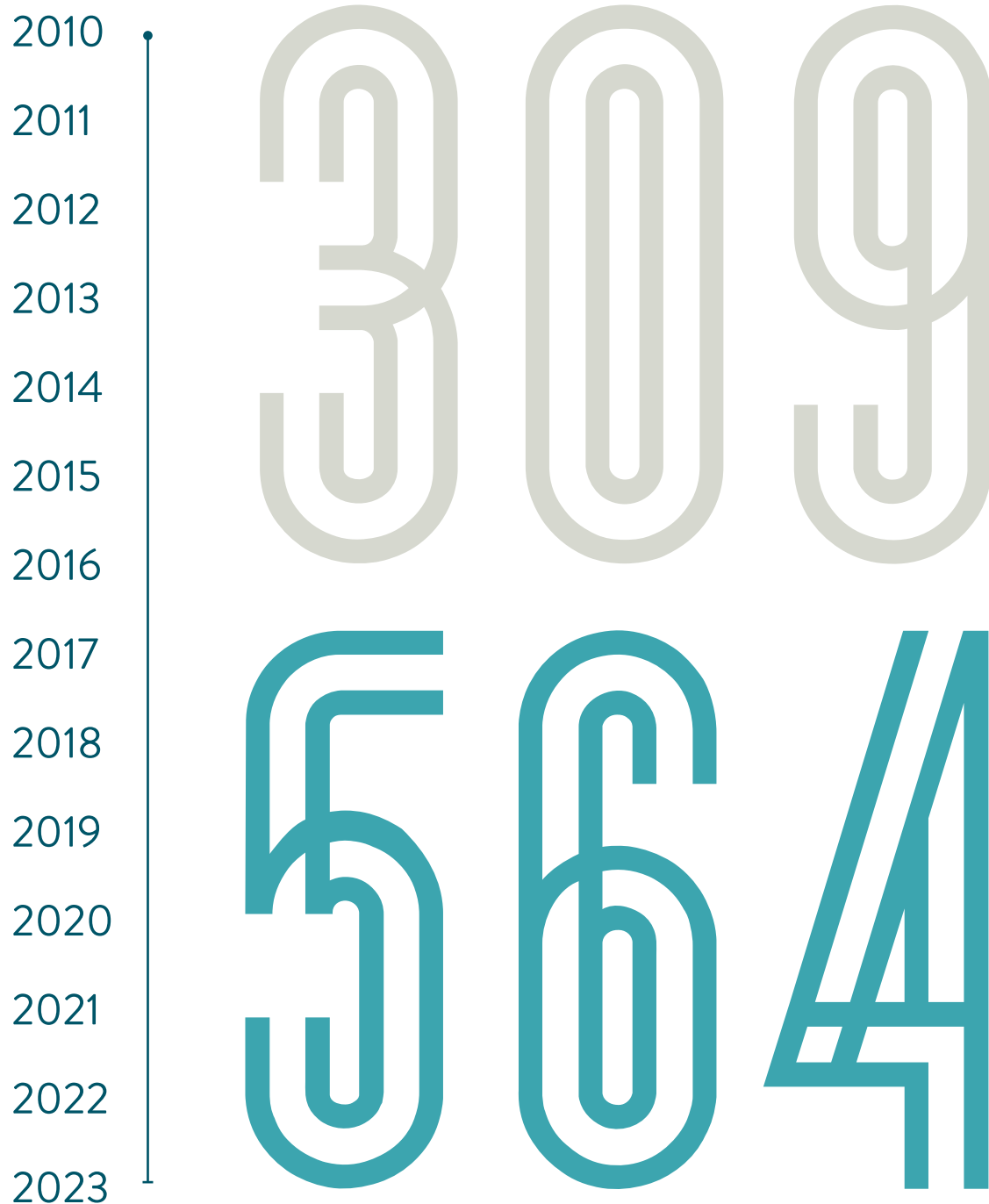
Discovery Charter School will foster in its students the passion and curiosity necessary for lifelong learning. Students will develop the ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and excel academically. Through an integrated, place-based curriculum, our students will become stewards of their environment and community.

The vision and mission of our school encourages us to...

ENGAGE. *Discover.* GROW.



G R O W T H



Discovery Charter School Opened in 2010 with 309 students
The 2022-2023 School year started with 564 students

New Positions added in the 22-23 school year:

- 1 Special Education Teacher
- 1 Special Education Instructional Aide

PROJECTS COMPLETED



LEARNING PAVILION



RECYCLED PICNIC TABLES
FOR PLAYGROUND PAVER SPACE



RECYCLED PICNIC TABLES
FOR OUTDOOR LUNCH AREA



BATHROOM PAINTING OF
THE UPSTAIRS BATHROOMS



EXTERIOR PARKING LOT LIGHTS
REPLACED WITH LED LIGHTS



ADDITIONAL SECURITY DOORS
IN THE MAIN LOBBY

HOURS ON THE TRAILS



196.5

HOURS ON THE TRAILS THROUGH APRIL

August: 19 hours from 24 class visits

September: 26 hours from 35 class visits

October: 28 hours from 30 class visits

November: 29 hours from 34 class visits

December: 18 hours from 21 class visits

January: 27 hours from 27 class visits

February: 16 hours from 16 visits

March: 24 hours from 26 class visits

April: 22 hours from 24 class visit

237

NUMBER OF CLASS VISITS

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."

—JOHN MUIR

VOLUNTEER HOURS

4,330.6

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our Discovery volunteers played a pivotal role in enhancing the educational experience for our students, contributing a total of 4,330.6 hours of selfless service. Their dedication and support have not only enriched our programs but also fostered a sense of community and collaboration, highlighting the tremendous value and importance of their involvement in shaping the future of our school.

TOTAL SALARIES PAID

SALARY EMPLOYEES

\$2,119,997.74

WAGES

\$180,588.20

STIPENDS

HOURLY EMPLOYEES

\$271,123.18

WAGES

\$11,659.00

STIPENDS

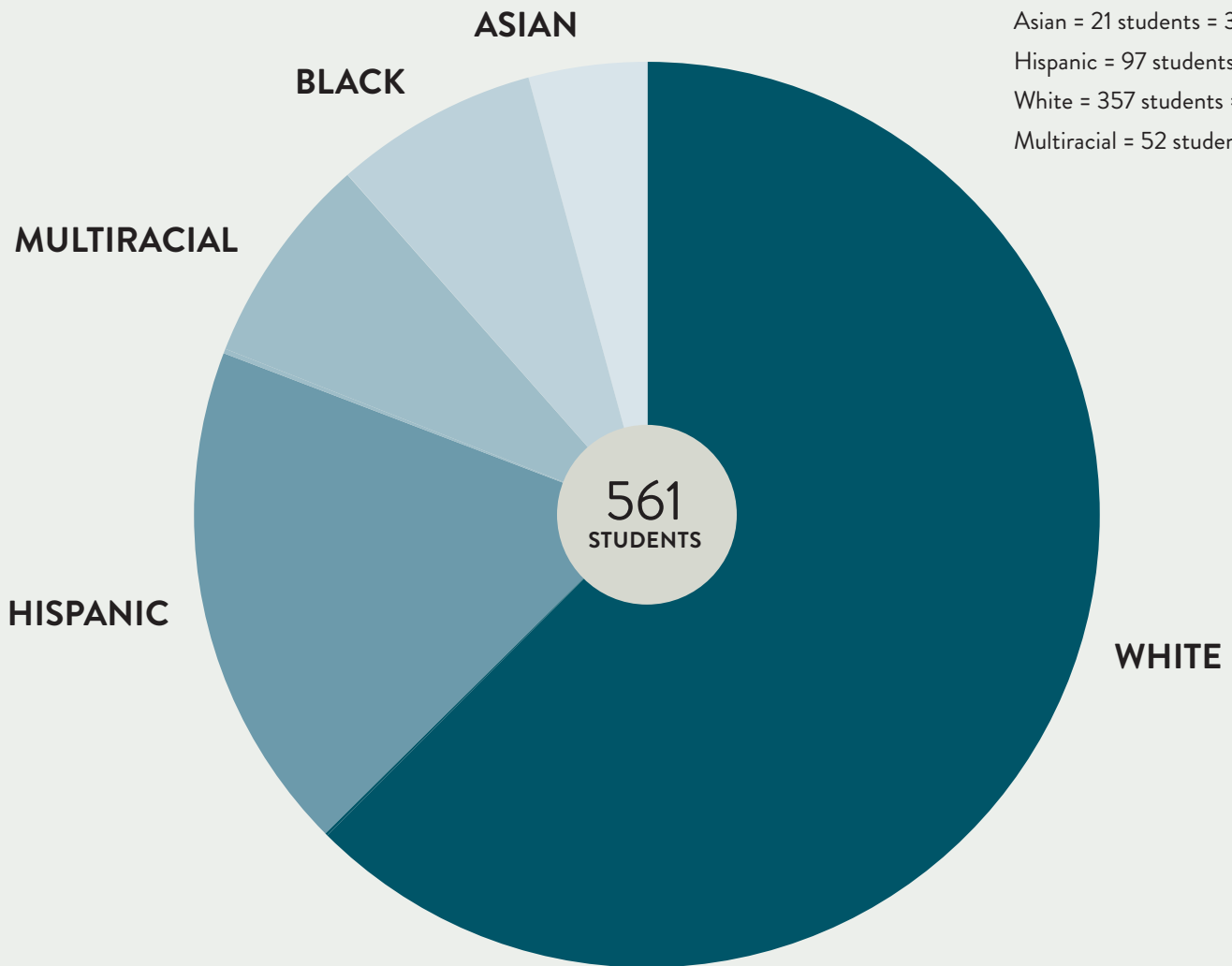
TOTAL

\$2,583,368.12

ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN

KEY

Black = 34 students = 6.1%
Asian = 21 students = 3.7%
Hispanic = 97 students = 17.3%
White = 357 students = 63.6%
Multiracial = 52 students = 9.3%



Female = 252 students



Male = 309 students



FREE/REDUCED = 186 STUDENTS = 33.6%

ZIP CODES BREAKDOWN



ZIP	STUDENTS	CITY
46301	2	Beverly Shores
46303	2	Cedar Lake
46304	177	Chesterton, Porter, Burns Harbor, Dune Acres Beverly Shores, Woodville, Babcock
46307	3	Crown Point
46322	3	Highland
46341	1	Hebron
46342	19	Hobart, Merrillville, New Chicago, Ainsworth
46347	4	Kouts, Tassinong, Clanricarde
46350	19	La Porte, Door Village, Stillwell, Springville
46360	73	Michigan City, Long Beach, Trail Creek
46368	92	Portage, Ogden Dunes, Burns Harbor
46383	46	Valparaiso, Malden, Suman
46385	50	Valparaiso, South Haven, Shorewood Forest
46391	9	Westville, Otis, Alida
46402	2	Gary
46403	33	Gary, Portage, Lake Station
46404	1	Gary, Black Oak
46405	19	Lake Station, Gary, New Chicago, Liverpool
46407	1	Gary
46410	5	Merrillville, Hobart, Green Acres

BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF BOOKS CHECKED IN AND OUT



21,844

46 - 8TH GRADERS GRADUATED

46



EXTRACURRICULARS

ART CLUB

ARCHERY

BASKETBALL

COMIC BOOK
CLUB

DEBATE
CLUB

MATH BOWL

SCIENCE
BOWL

SCIENCE
OLYMPIAD

SPELLING
BOWL

STUDENT
COUNCIL

SPORTS
CAMPS

RUN
CLUB

GIRLS ON
THE RUN

DRAMA
CLUB

VOLLEYBALL

SUPPORT

Supporting the local community is crucial for a school as it fosters a sense of belonging and partnership, creating a mutually beneficial relationship. By actively engaging with the community, a school can address specific needs, provide valuable resources, and instill a sense of civic responsibility in its students, ultimately creating a positive impact beyond the classroom walls.

WHO WE SUPPORTED THIS YEAR

Chesterton Art Center
 Chesterton High School Band Boosters
 Chesterton High School Boys Soccer
 Chesterton High School Girls Soccer
 Chesterton High School Girls Cross Country
 Duneland Education Foundation
 Adam Laughner Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Duneland Family YMCA
 Field Station
 Independent Cat Society
 Hilltop Neighborhood House
 Lakeshore Paws
 State Park Little League
 Valparaiso Parks
 Valparaiso Family YMCA
 YMCA of Portage Township

MEMBERS OF



HIGHLIGHTS

The school year was filled with countless highlights and extraordinary accomplishments, from academic achievements and innovative programs to memorable events and inspiring student initiatives, showcasing the incredible growth and success of our school community.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Dow profit: \$50,154.00

PAC contributions: \$44,126



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WIN STATE X3



FIRST OFFICIAL KINDY GRAD



LEARNING EXPERIENCES



FALL FEST