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2015 FUNDRAISING REPORT

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



We close out 2015 with hearts full of gratitude for the many people, foundations, and corporations that stepped up to support our mission *to provide a citizen voice advocating for continually improved education for all Kentuckians*. In its three decades of existence, the Prichard Committee has become a national model for citizen-led advocacy for education. The Committee was built by visionary leaders willing to take up the rallying cry that we can do better for our children. And, in one generation's time, Kentucky moved from the bottom of the national education rankings to the middle and above.

Now, as we, the next generation of advocates for excellence in education, take up the charge, we do so on a path that has been well paved by those who came before. It is our challenge to carry the good work forward and to ensure that the future generation of Kentucky's graduates take that next giant leap forward.

As you read through these pages, know that every gift we receive is not only deeply appreciated but also a vote of confidence in Kentucky and in Kentucky's students' ability to achieve at the highest levels. Together, we embrace a shared vision for excellent schools, schools that help our young people recognize their talents and give each of them the foundation to realize their dreams. We do this work with you – through the generous gifts of your time, talents and resources to the cause.

As we read through this document, we are reminded of so many special relationships. In addition to gifts that came in support of specific work, many more came in honor of Prichard Committee Life members, staff who retired, and in memory of passed loved ones for whom education was a passion and a priority. This is yet another reminder of the lasting importance of this work and the deep commitment and belief in the power of education to which Kentuckians have held fast for decades.

While we have much to celebrate, now is not a time for complacency. There is no doubt we have increased achievement for all students, but we still have significant achievement gaps that persist. We must renew our commitment to our schools and to our students, renew our deep commitment to increase achievement and to close gaps, and commit to doing so from early childhood through postsecondary education. To do this, we must do what we have always done – engage citizens, parents, students in this work and lift up our voices as one to achieve excellence in our schools and for all of Kentucky's young people.

One of the Committee's greatest legacies is knowing improvement is possible. Together, upon that foundation, we have an opportunity to take the next giant leap forward knowing, without a doubt, the vision is achievable.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brigitte". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brigitte Blom Ramsey
Executive Director

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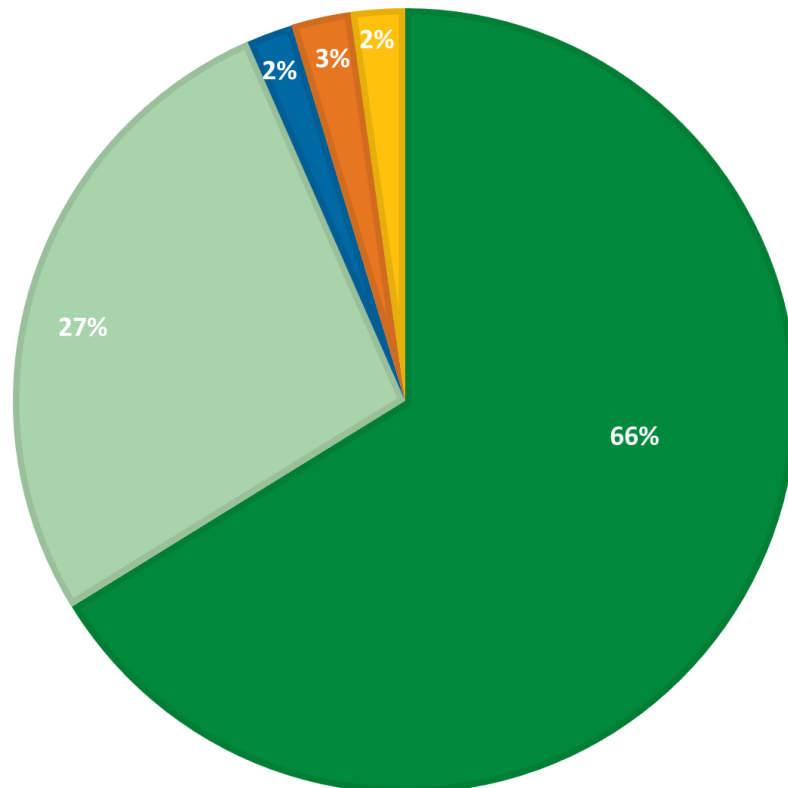
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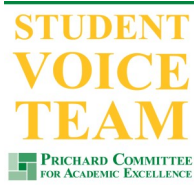
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