

# The Rising Up Report: WAA Weekly Update

## This Is a Partnership | Rising Together Monday, February 23, 2026

Dear WAA Family,

Strong schools are never built by leadership alone. They are built through **partnership**—between students, staff, families, the Board, and the broader community. At the heart of every strong charter school is the belief that **families deserve voice, choice, and a true sense of belonging**.

Westinghouse Arts Academy proudly serves students from **46 different school districts**. Families choose WAA because it is a place where students with a **love for the arts** are welcomed, challenged, and accepted **for who they are**. Our students come to us seeking safety, creativity, connection, and a school community where they can thrive academically and artistically.

When families choose WAA, they are not choosing perfection. They are choosing a school willing to do the **hard work of growth**. They are choosing a community that believes in student potential and is committed to reflecting, improving, and rising together.

Over the past several weeks, we have been clear about our priorities as a school of choice:

- Creating and maintaining **safe learning environments**
- Building **strong, trusting relationships**
- Holding **clear and consistent expectations**
- Committing to **daily improvement**, not quick fixes

Progress is happening. We have seen stronger routines, improved consistency, and reductions in concerning behaviors. At the same time, we remain honest about the work still ahead. That honesty—and that commitment to improvement—is what builds trust.

## Rise Up is our shared commitment:

- To show up every day for students
- To communicate openly and respectfully
- To hold high expectations with care and consistency
- To partner early when challenges arise
- To keep improving—together

Families and stakeholders play a critical role in this work. **Charter schools grow through word of mouth, trust, and shared stories.** If you believe in the work happening at WAA, you can help by:

- Sharing your experience with other families
- Inviting prospective students who love the arts to learn more about WAA
- Speaking positively about our school in the community
- Encouraging families seeking a school where students are known and accepted to consider WAA

We would love to welcome **more students into our WAA family**—especially students who are passionate about the arts and are looking for a school where they belong.

This is how schools of choice become **schools of pride.**

This is how trust is built and sustained.

And this is how Westinghouse Arts Academy continues to move forward—**together.**

To learn more about the national conversation around educational choice, family voice, and opportunity, families may explore resources from **National School Choice:**

👉 <https://schoolchoiceweek.com>

## ■ Rise Up Family Reflection:

*Who is one student or family you know who might thrive at WAA—and how could you help them learn more about our school?*

**We value your voice.** Please take a moment to share your thoughts through our weekly **Rising Up Family Feedback Form:**

👉 <https://forms.gle/8yT1mmQBBv17Knck8>

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## **Why Charter Schools Matter**

Westinghouse Arts Academy is a public charter school, and families choose our school because they value safety, innovation, strong relationships, and meaningful educational opportunities for students. Families and stakeholders have the right to share their experiences, stories, and perspectives about public charter schools and educational choice. Participation is always voluntary.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Anne Clark**

**Chief School Administrator / Superintendent**

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