



Annual Report 2023 – 2024

“Compass seeks excellence every minute of every day and strives to educate girls and boys who will provide leadership for decades to come.”

COMPASS
SCHOOL OF TEXAS

ARNIE HOLTBERG

Advisory Council Chair



Members of the Compass Community:

What a tremendous, inaugural year! The support from Compass families, the larger DFW community and beyond has been outstanding. I could not be more grateful for the volunteerism, dedication, and financial contributions received during the 2023-2024 school year.

As Head of School, I am deeply honored to know each student personally—celebrating their victories, supporting them through challenges, and engaging in meaningful conversations that reveal their unique strengths. Every day, I am inspired by the depth of student engagement across all subjects. This reflects the dedication and expertise of our Compass team, whose educators rise to the challenge of bringing the curriculum to life with hands-on instruction and real-world applications. Our focus on key skills such as financial literacy, public speaking, and daily Spanish further enriches the learning experience, preparing students for success both inside and outside the classroom.

“My children come home bursting with excitement and curiosity! They can’t wait to cook and create. Our kitchen is like their science lab. Compass has truly sparked a love for learning that fills our home with joy and wonder.”

COMPASS PARENT

The Compass curriculum is robust and comprehensive, seamlessly blending academic rigor with creative expression and inquiry-based learning. Our stunning campus provides an ideal backdrop for integrating the outdoors into the curriculum, enriching students’ experiences with mindfulness practices, Farm-to-Table initiatives, art, physical education, gratitude gatherings, and so much more. I invite you to explore some of the highlights from last year, featured in this Annual Report. As our school continues to evolve, Compass’ core values—Community, Family, Leadership, Purpose, and Resilience—serve as the benchmarks we set for our students, shaping the next generation of Compass graduates.

We are launching the True North Capital Campaign with unwavering confidence in the vision that has guided the foundation of our school: to cultivate confident, creative leaders for tomorrow. This vision drives our commitment to ensuring the sustainability of our school, both financially and in all aspects of its growth. Through this campaign, we are building a lasting community.

We strive to create a culture of innovation, helping our students find their purpose and passion to impact the larger world after they leave Compass. Your contributions play a major role in achieving this mission and ensuring success in the next phase of expansion.

With sincere gratitude,

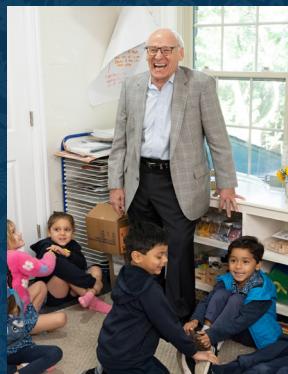
SHELLY SENDER

Head of School

Our Core Values

COMMUNITY

Over 300 people attended the Compass Farmer's Market. Students harvested potatoes, made butters, made yogurt, and worked on branding their goods. Between the different grades over 17 items were made to sell to the community and they raised \$691.00.



FAMILY

North Texas was in the path of totality for the Great American Eclipse. Students donned their blackout glasses to look directly at the sun, as the city was encompassed in darkness. Families were invited to share in this once-in-lifetime experience in the school's backyard.

LEADERSHIP

Through a partnership with Dallas Children's theater, students attended five shows throughout the school year, followed by classes with members of the company. These experiences offering techniques that translate to leadership life skills of public speaking, confidence, and courage.



PURPOSE

The addition of a class pet for every classroom is a grand undertaking for the students. They created a budget for food and maintenance, proposed a business plan to raise the funds, created the goods (yogurt or muffins), sold those goods, and took responsibility for the chosen animal. In the first grade class, there was an additional research component. They each chose a pioneer to study and put together a presentation for the ultimate prize of naming rights. Ferdinand Magellan, the bearded dragon, has followed them to their second grade class.

RESILIENCE

At the beginning of the school year, every student brings a pair of boots and a raincoat to reside on campus. A little bit of rain won't stop these kids from tending to the gardens or engaging in a game of soccer.

Our Impact in the 2023-2024 School Year

27

varieties of vegetables and herbs grown and harvested



101

sticks of butter produced for the 2nd graders' 'Better Butter Company'

300+

people and students attended the Farmer's Market

16

gratitude gatherings led by students Pre-K to 2nd grade

4

student-led showcases sharing their academic achievements

600

hours of Spanish instruction per student



7

field trips taken to non-profits and businesses in the local area

425+

Fireside Chat attendees from the DFW community

Annual Giving

FUNDS RECEIVED

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY	\$32,294.46
CHARITABLE FUNDS RECEIVED	\$1,740,048.25
ROCK THE STAGE AUCTION AT JSX	\$1,115,893.87
TOTAL DONATION & FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$2,871,083.12



As we wrap up 2024, I'm filled with gratitude for the work we've done and excitement for what's next.

This year has been a turning point, and the future looks bright. As we strategically move forward with the campus expansion, your support is vital. The True North Capital Campaign is our opportunity to dream big and make a lasting impact together.

KATIE TOWNEND DOHERTY

Director of Advancement



Donors

Thank you to our generous donors who supported our mission and vision during the 2023-2024 year.

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*Investing in Compass today is a gift to the future success of the Dallas community and beyond.
Together, we can empower the next generation of leaders.*

FRANCIS HARRISON

President & Co-Founder, The Compass School of Texas

The Compass School of Texas equips students with a strong academic foundation that fosters analytical thinking, instills the joy of learning in a wholesome environment, and inspires the pursuit of purpose.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND VISION.



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