

2020
2021

Annual Report



716SQUASH

WHO WE ARE

SEPTEMBER 2020 - AUGUST 2021

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PARTNER SCHOOLS

West Buffalo Charter School
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FACILITY PARTNER

The Nardin Academy Athletic Center at
the Kevin T. Keane Sports Park

OUR MISSION

716 Squash empowers youth in the City of Buffalo to achieve their full potential as students, athletes, and positive community members by providing life-changing opportunities through education, mentoring, service, and coaching in the sport of squash.



34

Students in
Grades 5-8

94%

Students of Color

33%

Refugees or
Immigrants



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The disruptions of the past year forced us to reimagine how we deliver our commitments to our scholar-athletes, families, and community. We went door-to-door dropping off care packages and checking in. We ran virtual workouts, academic lessons, and high school prep sessions. We know there is no substitute for the in-person learning, connections, and social-emotional well-being that comes with being a part of 716 Squash. This is why I'm so happy to report our programs are back to operating safely and fully in-person. Our staff is teaching in the classroom and

coaching on court. Our scholar-athletes are engaging, learning, and working hard. In September, we welcomed our first class of high school students, all of whom joined 716 in our inaugural cohort of 5th graders and remain active participants in our program. We are so grateful to our students, families, and supporters for staying with us during this unpredictable time and continuing to believe in our mission.

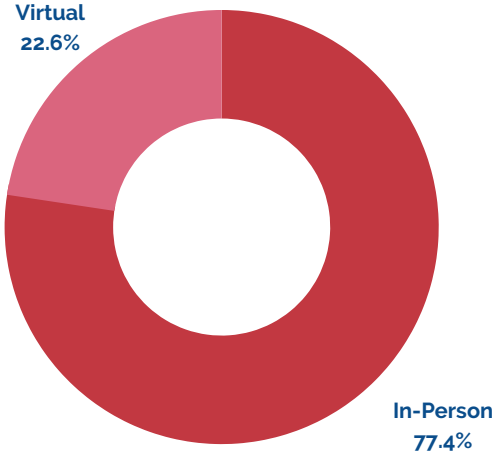
Hope B Lynch

HOPE BLINKOFF LYNCH

Executive Director

SCHOOL YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2020 - JUNE 2021

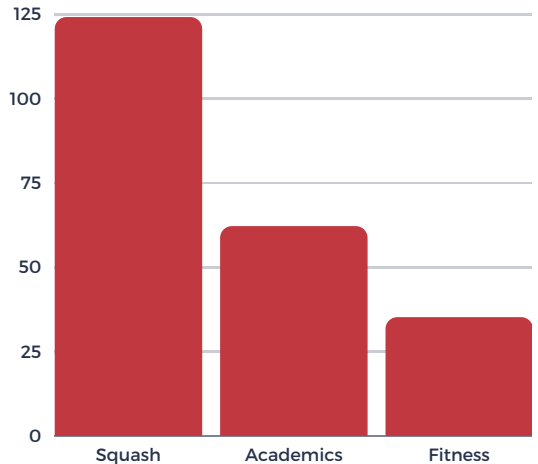


PROGRAM DELIVERY

Every effort was made to run programming safely in-person, utilizing outdoor and indoor spaces, social distancing, health screening, and masking.

PROGRAM HOURS BY ACTIVITY

In total, 716 Squash led **221 hours** of programming during the 2020/2021 school year while most of our students were stuck at home.



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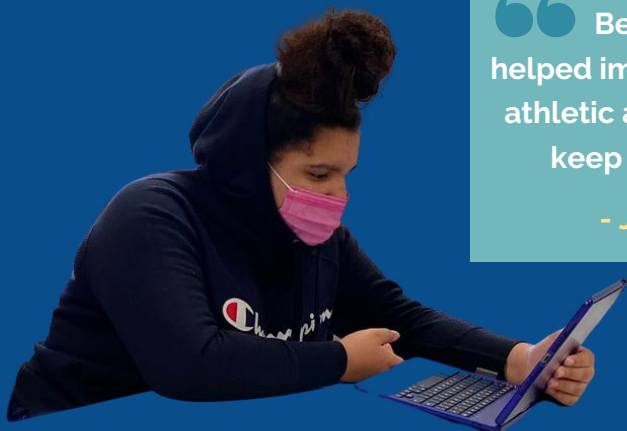
Weeks of In-Person
Programmaing

100%

Student Retention

75

Care Packages
Delivered



“ Being in 716 Squash has helped improve my intelligence, athletic ability, and helped me keep a stable mentality. ”
- Jela, 8th Grader

VIRTUAL LEARNING

Students programmed their own video animations and games, created 3-D models of natural phenomena, and completed an at-home engineering project in which they built their own hydraulic-powered bridges.

IN-PERSON SQUASH

Students were eager to get back on court and get moving as often as possible for solo-hitting and private squash lessons.

“ My favorite thing about 716 Squash is working alongside my friends and seeing how everyone progresses in squash and academics. ”
- Josh, 7th Grader



SUMMER

JULY + AUGUST 2021

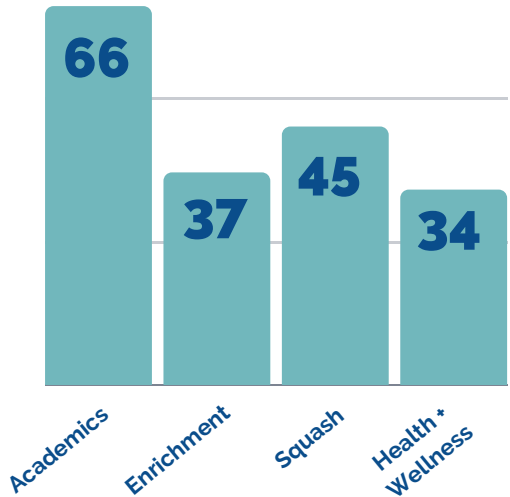
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

716 Squash prioritized our students' mental health this summer by hiring a social work intern.

- Students examined the complexities of their own identities and clarified their own values using creative activities.
- They developed coping skills for managing stress, including journaling and practicing mindfulness.
- Students engaged with lessons on mental health basics, such as emotional management, eliminating mental health stigma and how to help a friend who feels down.



HOURS BY ACTIVITY



5

Weeks of Full Day Programming

33

Students Attended Summer Camp

84%

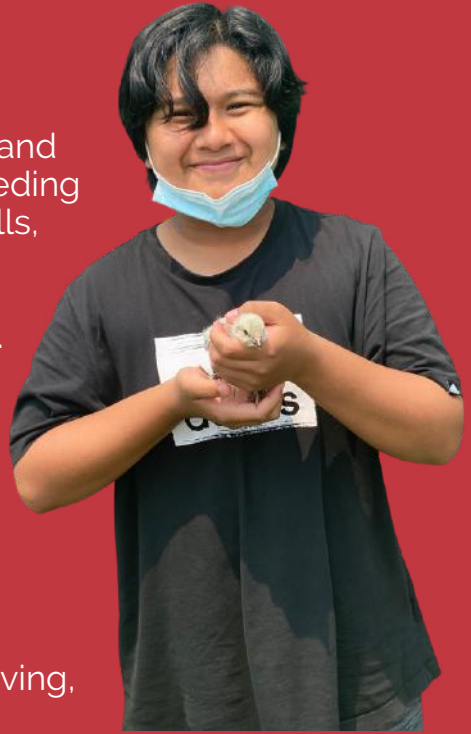
Average Daily Attendance

ENRICHMENT

Students raised baby chicks and were responsible for their feeding and cleaning. Using math skills, they tracked, graphed, and made predictions on their chicken's growth and weight.

Students grew vegetables and herbs for "take home salad bowls" as well as sunflowers.

Students were involved with experiential learning through thematic arts and crafts, weaving, and investigating foods and cultures from around the world.



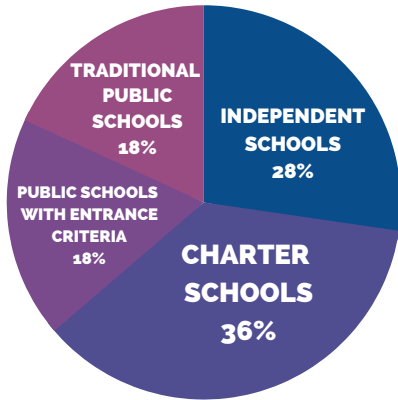
**8th grader, Sitnyein,
with his baby chick,
"Happy Feet"**



HIGH SCHOOL READY

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL TYPE



HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Bishop Timon St. Jude
Buffalo Seminary
Canisius High School
Nardin Academy
Nichols School
McKinley High School
Middle Early College High School
Riverside High School
Tapestry Charter School

APPLICATION SUPPORT

“ 716 Squash helped me edit my application essays, answered the questions I had about different schools, prepared me for interviews, and informed me what I needed to do to finish my applications. ”

- Snow, 9th Grader
Nichols School



\$108,545

Amount Awarded in 9th Grade Scholarships

\$206,040

Amount Awarded and Accepted for all 4 years of High School

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER 2021



SEA SUMMER ACADEMY

The Kent School
Kent, CT

Nazon earned a scholarship to attend a 3-week intensive squash and academic program led by the Squash + Education Alliance



CAMP KINIYA

Colchester, VT

Mahogany earned a scholarship to spend 3 weeks at an outdoor education and leadership camp



WITH GRATITUDE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - AUGUST 31, 2021

\$20,000+



Community Foundation
for Greater Buffalo



In partnership with **KeyBank**

\$10,000-\$19,999

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The Carlos + Elizabeth Heath Foundation

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The Third Generation Fund

\$1,000-\$4,999

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247

DONORS

\$250,000

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED

104

NEW DONORS

WITH GRATITUDE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - AUGUST 31, 2021

\$250-\$499

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\$100-\$249

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\$1-\$99

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Allie Stenclik
Jaime Stepansky
Marvin Tarry
Kathryn Tashjian
Carolina Udagawa
Jill Ungaro
Matt Webb
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