



# Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria

In 2009, Alexandria's only high school, T.C. Williams, was identified as one of the lowest performing high schools in the state, with the highest dropout rate. A CALL TO ACTION!

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## MAJOR PROGRAMS:

- Community Forums
- Reach & Rise for Excellence (RARE)
- Parent Engagement

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**Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria (CCNA)** was founded in 2009 by concerned community leaders committed to ensuring racial, social, educational, and economic justice in Alexandria, VA and the surrounding region.

To address these systemic inequities, CCNA focuses on academic achievement for underserved and at-risk students as well as civic and social issues that affect the community, especially citizens of color.

Over the years, CCNA continues to work in partnership with community stakeholders, using their three major programs, **1) Community Forums, 2) Parent Engagement, and 3) Reach & Rise for Excellence (RARE)** — (after school tutoring and mentoring program) to support underserved populations across the region.



**PROGRESS:** Students are performing better, parents are more engaged in their children's education, and the community has an excellent platform to address tough issues.



## SINCE MARCH, THINGS HAVE CHANGED:

COVID-19 rages on, social unrest intensifies, the global economy worsens as our students and parents face the challenges of remote learning.

## Now, Another Call to Action!

And so, the need to reset, review and refocus programs, even more, through the lens of educational inequities and social injustices, to cope with the fears of the **"NEW NORM"**.

## On the Verge of Change — CCNA's Near Tern Plans, working with partners and stakeholders:

- Establish a **Virtual Classroom** as an online forum to continue providing support to students, families, and citizens.
- Produce the **Community Voices Series** as a civic engagement and discussion platform for thought leaders and citizens.
- Create an **Anti-Racist Tool Kit** as a resource to help citizens understand and address systemic racism.
- Implement **Civics 101— "The Learning Trail"**— Featuring a network of locally hosted/sponsored **"Learning Stations"** for students and parents to see *how and why* our government works.
- **Mentor and Tutor**
  - ✓ RARE Students, struggling to adjust with today's challenges.
  - ✓ Underserved adults, through collaboration with **Computer CORE** (which serves adult jobseekers who desire basic computer and workforce development skills).
- Expand **Community Outreach** beyond the local area to develop a stronger **stakeholder network**.



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# On the Verge of Change – CCNA’s Near Tern Plans

## ESTABLISH A **VIRTUAL CLASSROOM**

### **VIRTUAL CLASSROOM** The Learning Continues

- ❖ CIVICS 101—The Learning Trail
- ❖ Anti-Racism Toolkit
- ❖ Community Voices

## PRODUCE THE **COMMUNITY VOICES** SERIES



### **COMMUNITY VOICES**



## CREATE AN **ANTI-RACISM TOOL KIT**

### **ANTI-RACISM** Tool Kit

- ❖ Lesson Plans
- ❖ Strategies
- ❖ Tactics
- ❖ Resources
- ❖ Vignettes
- ❖ FAQs



## IMPLEMENT **CIVICS 101—“THE LEARNING TRAIL”**

### **Civics 101—“The Learning Trail”** To See How & Why Our Government Works

An online, interactive educational tour for students *and* parents to:

- ➔ Explore our nation’s history
- ➔ Understand how our government works
- ➔ Appreciate the value of learning to help redefine the “new normal”



#### **FEATURES:**

- ★ Key learning stops along the way
- ★ Interviews/conversations with local citizens
- ★ Recorded sessions to be shared



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