

**Russ E. Williams Jr.**  
**President & CEO**

Mr. Williams joined Center City Public Charter Schools as President and CEO in April 2013, after 15 years of progressive leadership roles in Washington, DC nonprofits and charter schools. Center City, a Pre-K-8 charter network that serves 1,400 students across six schools throughout DC, is committed to the intellectual, physical, moral and emotional well-being of each scholar and the belief that every child can learn, lead and serve. Under Mr. Williams' leadership, the organization has seen continued improvements in its fiscal and academic outcomes. For the 2021-2022 school year, Center City was among the highest performing networks of schools in Washington DC as measured by the annual PARCC assessments.



From 2005 to 2012, Mr. Williams served as the founding Executive Director of AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School, responsible for growing the school from one site serving thirty-six students to seven sites serving more than 600 students. He led the school through rapid transformational growth while closing the achievement gap and driving strong outcomes for students. From 1999 through 2003, he served as AppleTree Institute's Director of Operations, and from 2003 through 2009 he served as Deputy Director and Treasurer, where he led the education organization's operations, facilities, and finance functions. He began his career as a founding teacher at the Washington Math Science and Technology Public Charter school in 1998.

Mr. Williams holds an MBA from George Washington University.