

2016 Support Our Students Grant Program Results

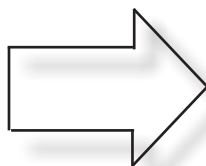
In 2016, the State of Minnesota invested in a **\$12 million grant program** to provide matching funds for school districts to hire student support services personnel (licensed school counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, school social workers, and chemical dependency counselors).

Please support HF 978/SF 1186 (Theis/Kent) to continue funding for the Support Our Students grant program!

Quick facts

- The Minnesota Department of Education administers the grant program, giving priority to schools in which support staff did not exist.
- Grants are six years in length and require a 50% school district match for the first four years and a 75% school district match for the final two years.

More than 100 schools applied for grant funding in 2016. 77 schools in 36 school districts received grant dollars to hire...

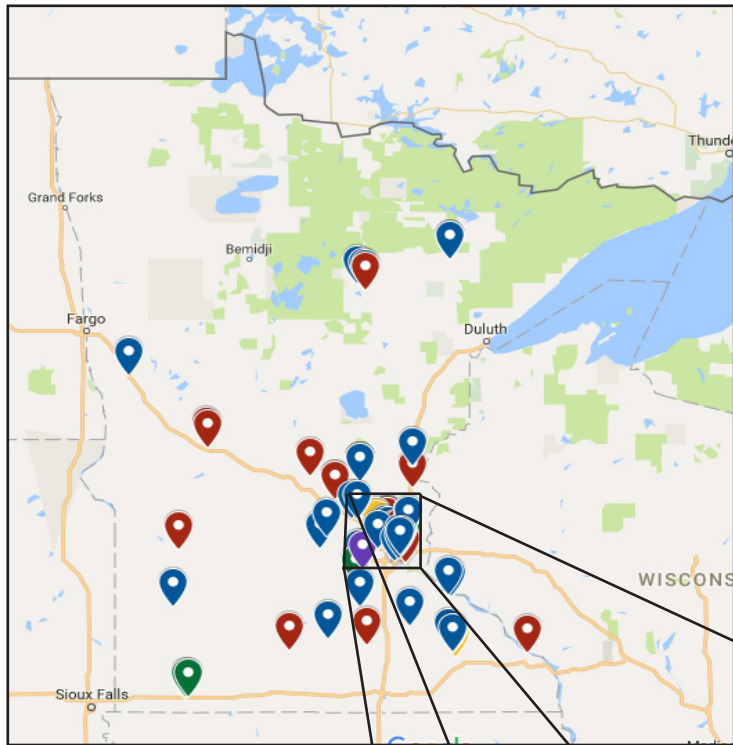


40 licensed school counselors
21 school social workers
7 chemical dependency counselors
6 school psychologists
3 school nurses

What Minnesota has learned

- **School districts have identified a significant unmet need.** Despite limited time for districts to respond to the grant RFP, more than 100 schools applied, which far exceeded the available grant dollars.
- **The need is statewide.**
- **Minnesota still spends less than half of the national average on student support services,** which are critical to closing the achievement gap and preparing today's students to be our state's future workforce.

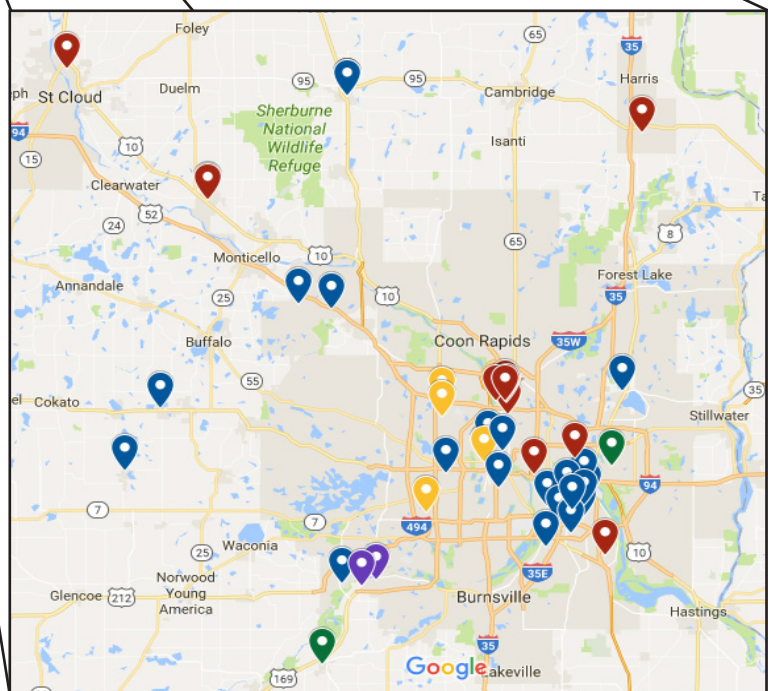
Statewide view








FACT

52% of grants went to schools outside of the 7-county metro area

Metro view



-  School counselor
-  School social worker
-  School nurse
-  School psychologist
-  Chemical dependency counselor