

BARR is a K-12 partner with a quarter-century track record of:

- raising student math and reading scores,
- increasing teacher satisfaction and retention, and
- decreasing student absenteeism, disciplinary incidents and suspensions.

**The BARR model has worked for hundreds of schools in the nation, including over 60 schools in Minnesota, in all types of geographies and systems, alongside any number of existing curricular partnerships.**



Responding to demand from schools, the 2023 Minnesota legislature approved \$5M to fund 18 new BARR schools. Urban, suburban and rural schools were selected from over 50 deserving schools that applied in August. Many more continue to express interest.

Keep the momentum going.

## **\$10,000,000 for 36 additional BARR Schools**

HF 3378, Rep. Cheryl Youakim, Hopkins, SF 3539, Sen. Aric Putnam, St. Cloud, funds 36 additional schools in rural, suburban and urban areas. Funding provides schools with coaching support, professional development, curriculum and resources, and access to the national network of BARR educators over three years. Work will focus on:

1. Increasing opportunity and academic achievement for all students, with a focus on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
2. Improving student social and emotional skills and engagement in school
3. Improving teacher satisfaction and effectiveness
4. Increasing the number of students who earn a high school diploma

“I’ve been teaching for 31 years and for a lot of those years I felt like I was on an island when dealing with students who struggled. I tried to figure it out by myself, there was nothing set up for me to communicate with other teachers, I’d throw something out there and hope it worked, oftentimes it did not. With BARR, teachers communicate and share strategies about how to meet the needs of these students. **We have far more collaboration and direction with helping students.**”

– Kalan Malchow, Social Studies Teacher at Detroit Lakes High School





BARR is distinguished as one of the most proven systemwide school improvement models within K-12 education.

The proof is in the research. **The proof is in the schools.**

“From starting the BARR model in 2019 until now our MCAs have grown an average of 10.2% just in math which is huge considering the state we are all in and all of the challenges we have overcome in the last four years. **This year focused on literacy and our most recent scores indicate that students are meeting and exceeding their growth goals.**”

– Kelly Hoskins, Fifth Grade Teacher and BARR co-coordinator at Lake Elmo Elementary

“Armstrong High School’s graduation rate has increased by 4% since 2018, our first year of BARR. Our students of color report feeling more of a sense of belonging due to the stronger relationships they have with adults and teachers in our building. **BARR has permanently changed Armstrong High School for the better in four years.**”

– Erick Norby, Principal at Armstrong High School

“BARR has not only helped improve student outcomes but is also beneficial for teacher well being. **Our teachers’ mental health has improved as well as our efficiency in working together to collaboratively solve problems and support students.**”

– Tony Walfoort, Social Studies Teacher at White Bear Lake High School

“Since we brought this system into our school, I’ve seen a significant change in our school culture at every level. **The BARR system truly does get results.**”

– Josh Omang, Principal at Detroit Lakes High School



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## BARR Schools in Minnesota:

**Bold indicates schools funded by bipartisan legislation**

- Aitkin County
  - McGregor Secondary School
- Anoka County
  - **Bultum Academy**
- Becker County
  - Detroit Lakes Senior High School
  - **Detroit Lakes Middle School**
  - **Roosevelt Elementary School**
- Blue Earth County
  - **Mankota East High School**
- Carver County
  - Eastern Carver County Schools
  - Chanhassen High School
  - Integrated Arts Academy
- Chisago County
  - North Branch Area High School
- Clay County
  - Moorhead Public Schools
  - Horizon Middle School
  - Moorhead High School
  - **Ellen Hopkins Elementary School**
- Dakota County
  - South St. Paul School District:
    - Kaposia Education Center
    - South St. Paul High School
    - South St. Paul Middle School
  - **Two Rivers High School**
  - **Apple Valley Senior High School**
- Goodhue County
  - Red Wing Middle/High School
- Hennepin County
  - Brooklyn Center Middle/High School
  - District Charter Schools:
    - Harvest Best Academy K-8
    - Hiawatha Academy, Collegiate High School
    - Hiawatha College Prep, Northrop Campus K-8
  - **Eden Prairie Senior High School**
  - Hopkins West Junior High School
  - Kennedy High School
  - Minneapolis Public Schools:
    - Henry Senior High
    - South Senior High (Minneapolis)
  - Park Center IB World School
  - Robbinsdale Public School District:
    - Robbinsdale Armstrong High School
    - Robbinsdale Cooper High School
    - Robbinsdale Middle School
  - **Northport Elementary School**
  - St. Louis Park Senior High
- Lake County
  - Two Harbors Secondary
- Lyon County
  - Marshall High School
  - **Marshall Middle School**
  - **Southview Elementary School**
- Mower County
  - Austin High School
  - Austin Middle School
- Polk County
  - **Crookston High School**
- Ramsey County
  - North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale District
    - North Senior High School
    - Tartan Senior High
    - **North Metro Flex Academy Charter School**
  - White Bear Lake School District:
    - Central Middle School
    - Lakeaires Elementary School
    - Sunrise Park Middle School
    - Vadnais Heights Elementary School
    - White Bear Lake North Campus Senior High
    - Willow Lane Elementary
- Scott County
  - **Jordan High School**
  - Prior Lake High School
- St. Louis County
  - Denfeld High School
- Stearns County
  - St. Cloud Public School District:
    - St. Cloud Apollo Senior High School
    - St. Cloud Technical Senior High School
    - **St. Cloud North Junior High**
    - **St. Cloud South Junior High**
- Washington County
  - River Grove Marine Area Community School
  - Stillwater Area Public Schools:
    - Afton-Lakeland Elementary School
    - Lake Elmo Elementary
    - **Brookview Elementary School**
    - **Oak-Land Middle School**
  - Stillwater Area High School