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The Cost of Closing Achievement Gaps - A Case Study Presentation To Minnesota House of Representatives

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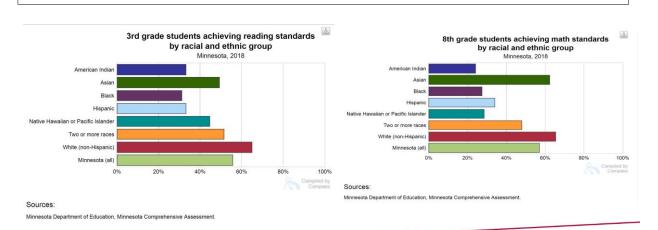
North St. Paul - Maplewood - Oakdale

Friday March 6, 2020



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Educational Disparities in MN





Economic Disparities in MN

- For every 100,000 Minnesotans, there were 111 white people incarcerated and 1,219 black people
- Median household income for black families was \$30,306. For whites, it's \$66,979
- White unemployment rate is 3 percent. For black people, it's almost three times that.
- The home ownership for black people is 21.7 percent. For whites, it's 76 percent

Source: finance and business news publication 24/7 Wall St.



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ISD #622 Geography 42 Square Miles

Ramsey and Washington Counties

Geographic boundaries include all, or portions of, seven communities including: North St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Landfall, Pine Springs, and Woodbury

10,800 Students

- 2 High Schools
- 3 Middle Schools
- 9 Elementary Schools
- Early childhood center, alternative learning, special education transition center, senior center



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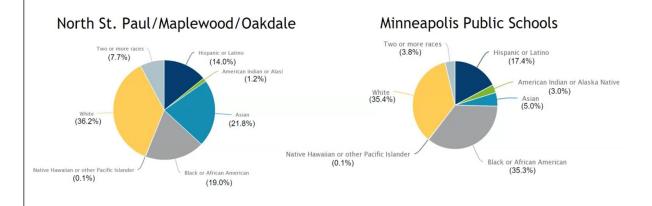
ISD#622 Demographics

Total Enrollment	% Free/Reduced	% English Language	% Students of Color	% Special Education
10,635	54.5%	12.3%	65.4%	19.2%



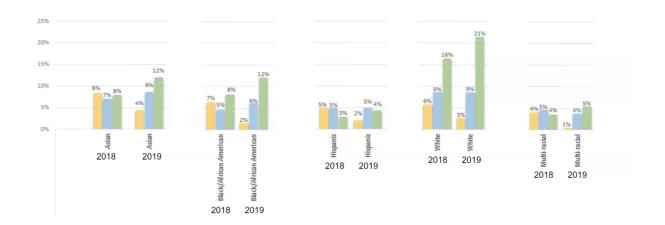
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DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRICT COMPARISON



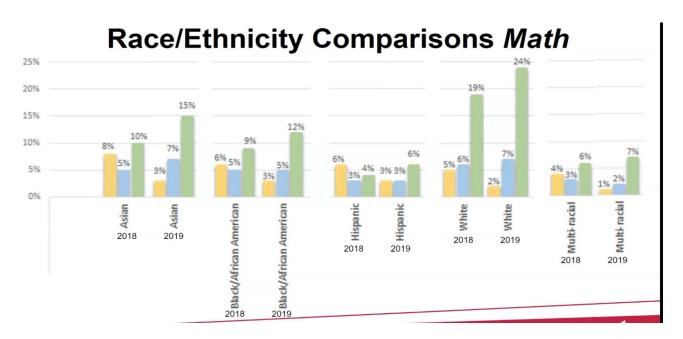


Race/Ethnicity Comparisons Reading



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ISD#622 Annual Budget

General Fund	Comp Ed	Title I	Equity & Integration	All Budgets
\$150,803,357	\$11,788,974	\$1,650,000	\$2,434,091	\$254,178,958



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ISD#622 Annual Budget

622 Special Ed Cross-Subsidy	622 EL Cross-Subsidy
\$14 Million	\$1.2 Million

With such high cross subsidies, all funds that would normally go toward supporting our achievement gap are swallowed up meeting basic needs. We were finally able to pass an increase to our local operating levy in 2016, which has saved us. This was our first voter-approved increase in over twelve years after several previous failures.



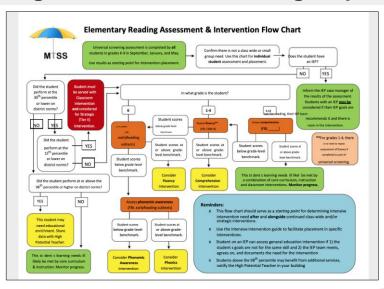
ISD #622 Programs

Early Childhood Programs
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
Career & Technical Pathways
National AVID Demonstration Schools
PSEO, AP, CTE, College in the Schools
Adult Education - Largest GED Testing Site in Minnesota
Senior Citizen Programming
Performing Arts
Competitive Athletics



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Programs Aimed at Closing Gaps - Elementary MTSS



Cost - \$1Million

- -subs for teachers to study data
- -hourly intervention teachers-books/materials

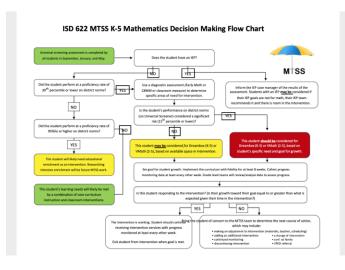
Impact

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Programs Aimed at Closing Gaps

Full Time **Nurse** & **Social Worker** at <u>Every</u> School

Cost - \$3.3 Million



Impact

Service with Physical & Social Emotional Needs

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Freedom Schools







Cost - 700K

- Summer Staff
- Transportation
- Materials
- Training

Impact

Elementary / Middle Schools Prevents Summer Reading Slide Higher Attendance than Regular Summer School

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Programs Aimed at Closing Gaps



ISD#622 - Young Scholars Program







Cost - \$663,435

Impact

540 students, Dramatically increases participation of students of color in advanced classes

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Behavior
Specialists in
Every School
& Restorative
Practices
Training for
ALL district
staff

Pam: Driver of the Kangaroo Bus says...

"Yeah, I gotta admit it is weird. Sitting around in a circle passing a talking piece. But my gosh, it works. The kids sit and listen with an open heart and really take in what we are saying, then they mull it around and get to respond when they have the talking piece. Yeah, it really works."



Cost \$1.2 Million

Impact

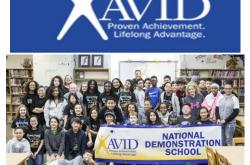
Decrease in bus suspensions and referrals out of class. Increased time for learning



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Programs Aimed at Closing Gaps

AVID







Cost - \$500K

Impact

Academic/study skill development, Increased participation by students of color in advanced classes, increased graduation rates, college enrollment, and college scholarships for students of color.

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Late Activity Buses

Cost - \$175,000





<u>Impact</u>

All students able to participation in after school intervention programs & tutoring

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Programs Aimed at Closing Gaps

#SANNEH @ FOUNDATION







Cost - 130K

- -Both High Schools
- -8 coaches x 40 hrs/week
- diverse backgrounds
- free sports camps

Impact

Diverse Teacher Interns Trained on Site





AF-JROTC







Cost - 200K

- 2 instructors
- Materials
- Uniforms

<u>Impact</u>

Student Leadership Public Speaking Teambuilding Character Dev. Improved attendance

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Programs Aimed at Closing Gaps



THE BARR MODEL



Focus on the whole student



Hold regular meeting of the cohort teacher



Provide professional development for teachers, counselors, and administrators



Conduct risk review



Use BARR's I-Time Curriculum to foster a climate for learning



Engage families i



Create cohorts of students



Engage





Cost - \$200K

2 full time teachers (one at each high schools), PD for staff, planning time for staff

Impact

Dramatic Increase in 9th grade course passing rates & attendance

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SATURDAY SCHOOL: Optional, Four Core, Popular Teachers, Administrators Invested

Cost - \$200K



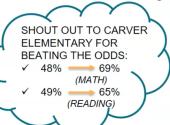
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High
participation
Reduction in
missing
assignments,
and course
failure rates



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DISTRICT COMPARISONS - HIGHLIGHTS

- □ Higher rate of growth in *math* & *science* than surrounding districts
- □ Similar achievement growth in *reading* as surrounding districts
- 100% meeting achievement expectations and/or Beating the Odds
- □ 43% are Beating the Odds o _





Headlines

Around the Twin Cities metro, high-poverty schools are beating the odds

Low-income students performing well above expectations

By Erin Golden and MaryJo Webster



Skyview Elementary Principal Travis Barringer asked Natalie Vang what she was having for lunch in teacher Travis Fick's

Walking the halls of Skyview Elementary, one week into the school year, Principal Travis Barringer spotted a kindergarten student and greeted him by name.

The boy stopped and looked up, incredulous. "Wait, you know my name?" he said, his eyes wide.

"I dot" Barringer said cheerfully, before correctly identifying the boy's classroom teacher and then telling a visitor how he distinguishes the kindergartner from his twin (slightly different hair color) Beating the Odds

A Star Tribune analysis of standardized test scores to determine which schools are doing better than expected.

By Mary to Webster. Alan Palazzola and Jeff Hargarten - Star Tobura | UPDATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2005



Both Tartan and North High Schools named in the top 10% of MN High Schools by US NEws & World Report

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Adult Belonging and Development

Staff Affinity Groups
Employee Relations
Quality Steering Committee
Shared Leadership - Flattening the Organization
Non-Competitive Leadership Development

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Comments/ Questions



