

2016 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS FACT SHEET: SAINT PAUL PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN) is a transformative education initiative that brings together families, schools, public agencies and the community to change the odds for a generation of children. SPPN uses education as a tool to end multi-generational poverty in the Frogtown and Summit-University neighborhoods by creating early pathways of opportunities leading to college and career success.

SPPN partners with four elementary schools in the
PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD:



ANCHOR PARTNERS:

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
City of Saint Paul
Cultural Wellness Center
Hmong American Partnership
Saint Paul City School
Saint Paul College
Saint Paul Public Schools
Network for the Development of Children of
African Descent
Ramsey County
YWCA of Saint Paul

GOALS AND IMPACT:

REACHING KIDS. In its first summer, SPPN reached 127 kids. Now the initiative reaches over 2,000 kids each year.

EXPANDING THAT REACH. SPPN started with two elementary schools (Jackson & Maxfield), now partnering as well with Saint Paul City School and Benjamin E. Elementary School.

PROVIDING EDUCATION EARLY. SPPN attracted a federal Race to the Top early learning grant to provide early learning scholarships to 353 children who otherwise wouldn't have accessed early childhood education.

STEMMING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS. SPPN sets out to close education opportunity gaps for children of color, coordinating a number of highly effective summer programs that effectively stem summer learning loss. More than 90 percent of children who participate in these programs maintained or improved their reading scores over the past four summers. Based on this track record of success, SPPN is launching a Hmong dual language program this summer.

For more information, visit www.wilder.org.