

Creating Thriving Learning Communities in North Minneapolis

Emerging Issues & Trends

- Data Driven Decision making
- 5 Gaps Report
- Charter School Influence & Impact
- Expanded Day & Social-Emotional Learning Approach
- Evolving Funding Environment – Foundations & Intermediaries, Public Investments, Re-granting Funders & Providers
- Embracing Holistic Youth Development
- Collective Impact Models (NAZ, ETI, Reset!)

Political & Economic Climate

- Troubling policy environment
- Mayoral recognition of education deficits and needs
- Public awareness is varied and skewed
- Fragmented funding landscape for OST/ In School Time
- Reform Efforts & Polarizing Issues
- Emerging Advocacy Groups Influence Elections

Opportunities for Collective Action Between Funders & Partners

- Public Awareness Campaign (50%)
- Information Mapping & Sharing: (47%)
- Framework for holistic and coordinated services that address academics and youth development. (38%)
- Build agreement on quality standards (38%)
- Build public will around data sharing, common indicators, etc. (32%)

Trends in Physical Space & Development

- Capital Campaigns for Juxtaposition, The Capri Theater, Cookie Cart
- MPS Headquarters
- Lack of Site Availability & Readiness for New Schools
- Mass Transit Improvements: Light Rail, BRT
- Increase in Safe Gathering Places
- Increase in Faith Based Partnerships & Gathering Spaces

Community Assets & Aspirations

- AALF- Education Workgroup
- NAZ
- Generation Next
- Education Transformation Initiative
- Reset Campaign
- Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board
- MinneMinds
- Young people as advocates
- Strong family engagement models
- Youth workforce development programs
- MPS, UROC, NAZ and others anchored in NoMi
- Leaders who care deeply
- Strong Networks and Pride
- Caring, talented teachers

Community Needs & Gaps

- Nutrition & Hunger
- Safety
- Safe places for learning and growth
- Culturally competent learning and service systems
- High unemployment & underemployment
- Lack of reliable information to inform education decisions

Initiatives & Collaborations