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2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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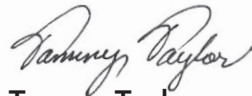
Dear SLPS Foundation supporters,

Thanks to you, this year we were able to impact the lives of over **19,000 Saint Louis Public School Students**. Each and every one of our scholars will have a unique and transformational educational experience at EVERY STEP along their journey tailored to their abilities and interests.

Highlights from this school year include:

- Seniors were awarded over **\$50 million** in scholarships, a 20% increase from last year.
- In collaboration with the District, we launched the 'Re-Design Fellowship' allowing seven SLPS **school leaders to receive a \$10,000 stipend** in support of their proposal to 'reimagine their schools.'
- SLPS offered in-person early childhood education, with a range of adaptations to be COVID conscious, to **more than 1,500** young learners.
- The SLPS Foundation regularly convened 10 partner mental health services providers and funded additional school-based therapists who collectively provided **1,775 therapy sessions** to students across the District.

None of this would've been possible without your support of and belief in St. Louis Public Schools. From pre-school to high school, we are committed to investing in students, and are hopeful for what the future holds.



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district
AT A GLANCE

total # of students **19,460**

100% eligibility for free
and reduced lunch

graduation rate **78.2%**

investments & IMPACT!

In 2020-21, the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation invested over \$3 million in four strategic priorities throughout Saint Louis Public Schools. Learn more about the impact of those investments:

Quality, Free, Early Childhood Education

We believe that investing in students should start as early as three years old, a time that is proven to put students on a path for future school success. Thanks to donors like you we supported SLPS to:

- Ensure that approximately 1,500 young learners could participate in full-day, quality, free early childhood education. All of the district's 45 elementary schools include at least one early childhood education classroom.
- Expand literacy professional development to an additional 30 early childhood educators, supporting students to grow their pre-literacy skills. 80% of those teachers felt their students had grown in their skills by the end of the year.

Students who attended SLPS pre-K **outperformed their peers, scoring higher on assessments** all the way from kindergarten through 9th grade.

College & Career Readiness

Preparing students for a variety of post-secondary opportunities equips students for lasting success and financial security. In 2020-21, the SLPS Foundation provided college and career readiness resources to students at all 12 SLPS high schools by funding:

- College and career counselors to coach students through the best post-secondary options for them
- ACT prep
- Opportunities to graduate with both a high school diploma and associate degree via SLPS' Early College Academy
- Career and technical opportunities through the College and Career Readiness Office
- College visits, graduate assistance, and freshman success teams

92% of high school seniors enrolled in a two- or four-year institution, were employed, or enlisted in the military within 180 days of graduation.





90% of staff who were awarded innovation grants

through the SLPS Foundation were retained or promoted within Saint Louis Public Schools.



Innovative Leadership

At the heart of every great school are great leaders and great teachers. Principal quality is one of the key factors of teacher retention, and therefore, student achievement. The SLPS Foundation encourages and invests in school leaders who are committed to the highest expectations for students. In 2020-21 we did this by:

- Awarding over \$70,000 in innovation grants to nine school leaders and their teams
- Supporting trauma-informed work in both Consortium Partnership Network schools: Ashland Elementary and Meramec Elementary
- Recognizing outstanding teachers through the District's "Educator of the Year" Program



Student Well-Being

If the COVID-19 pandemic reminded of us of anything, it is that students' ability to learn and succeed is directly correlated to their physical and mental health. Over the last year, counselors and therapists have seen a rising number of mental health issues. Thanks to donors we were able to:

- Provide access to behavioral health therapists and school-based nurses in schools
- Expand training for schools and school teams to identify mental health needs and create environments to support students who've experienced trauma and toxic stress
- Support vaccination incentives for 200 SLPS students and families
- Support yoga and mindfulness programs for staff and students
- Continued our "Family Stability Fund" to support families and students in need



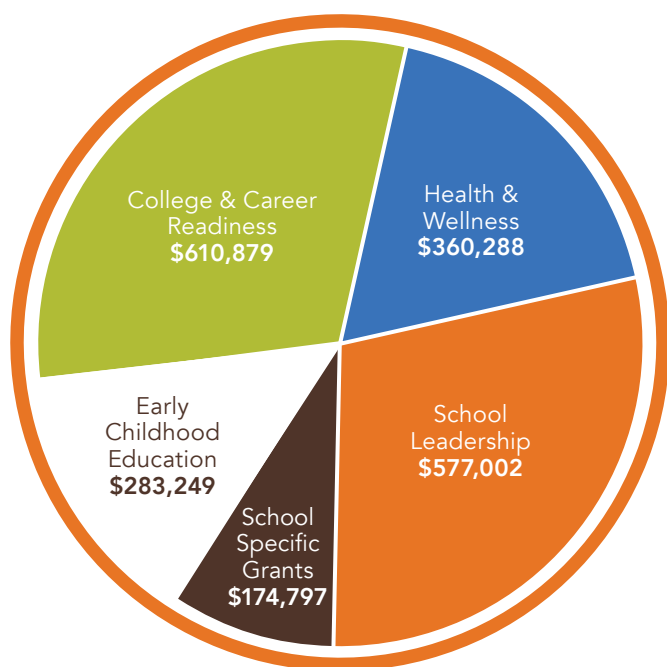
88% of students receiving behavioral health services at school making progress towards their goals

and 74% of students experience decrease symptomology last year.

2020-2021 FINANCIALS

Support for the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation grew in 2020-2021. We are grateful for the trust and support of our community and take our responsibility to transparency and equity seriously.

Investment in Priorities



TOTAL: \$2,006,215

Revenue

	FY ending 6/30/2020	FY ending 6/30/2021*
Contributions	\$2,054,866	\$ 3,322,935
Special Events	145,538	157,461
In-Kind	1,076,100	619,073
Investment Income	92,457	10,957
Other	1,330	1,621
TOTAL	\$5,673,727	\$ 4,112,047

* FY21 Grants included in the other figures

Expenses

	2020	2021
Management	\$ 115,659	\$ 171,461
Fundraising	131,168	224,125
Program Services	3,468,312	3,544,677
TOTAL	\$3,715,139	\$3,940,263

Change in Net Assets

Beginning Net Assets	\$3,940,477	\$ 5,913,080
Ending Net Assets	\$5,913,080	\$6,084,863

Financials based on annual audit conducted by Anders.

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