

# OUR CITY THRIVES

when St. Louis Public School students thrive



ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION  
CHILDREN. SCHOOLS. ACHIEVEMENT.

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



We are grateful to our growing community of St. Louis Public Schools champions! Who will be St. Louis' next great entrepreneurs, artists and civic leaders? Just peek inside our classrooms to see!

Over the past year, the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation has played a critical role in ensuring equitable opportunities for the 21,000+ students in the St. Louis Public Schools. Thanks to donors' generosity, the SLPS Foundation invested nearly \$6 million in SLPS programs last year.

We are proud to share a recap of activities and accomplishments, and thank the donors who open so many doors for our students.



(l-r) Kelvin R. Adams, PhD, SLPS Superintendent; Tammy Taylor, SLPS Foundation Board Chair; Jane Donahue, SLPS Foundation President

### SLPS FOUNDATION INVESTMENT CRITERIA

**Equity.** We exist to even a very uneven playing field. In St. Louis, there is an ever-widening gap between the resources and networks that are common in affluent circles and either non-existent or scarce in low-income areas.

**Community Informed.** SLPS Foundation's investments are rooted in what SLPS leaders, students and educators say they need. Our only agenda is their success.

**Evidence-Based.** Thanks to donors, SLPS Foundation invests in programs that have research to back up their efficacy.

**Beyond Public Dollars.** SLPS Foundation seeks the community's generosity for programs that are not covered by the district's public revenue streams.

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

**21,862**  
total students



**80%**  
eligible for  
free lunch

**78.2%**  
four-year  
graduation  
rate



# OUTCOMES

## QUALITY, FREE, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Investing in students early in their development gives them the best jumpstart for future school success. Thanks to donors, in 2018-19, the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation invested more than \$3 million in SLPS early childhood education. We helped to:

- Ensure that more than 2,100 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.
- Promote an early love of reading through developing creative literacy reading nooks in 50+ classrooms.
- Provide more than 300 early childhood educators with professional development that ranged from STEM learning to building culturally competent classrooms.

**In 2019, more than 2,100 three- and four-year-olds were enrolled in SLPS elementary schools, and 89% of four-year-olds graduated from pre-K ready for kindergarten.**

## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Earning a postsecondary degree is a game changer. It gives students the power to write their own story and achieve greater financial security. In 2018-19, the SLPS Foundation provided college and career readiness resources to students at all 13 SLPS high schools by funding:

- College and career counselors
- ACT prep
- Increased scholarship opportunities
- Opportunities to graduate with both a high school diploma and associate degree via SLPS' Early College Academy

**In 2019, 79% of SLPS graduates were accepted into and planned to attend 2- and 4-year colleges. Seniors were awarded more than \$37 million in scholarships.**



# OUTCOMES

## STUDENT WELL-BEING

Research tells us that students' ability to learn and succeed is directly correlated to their physical and mental health. Ensuring that our students learn about healthy living and can access proper medical and mental health care is critical. Thanks to donors this past year, we were able to support:

- Wellness initiatives at elementary schools including school gardens, walking trails and healthy eating efforts
- More school-based nurses and mental health care providers in schools
- A district-wide approach to fostering school cultures that support students who've been exposed to trauma and toxic stress

**In 2019, SLPS was nationally recognized for improvements in students' health outcomes. In addition, students who have access to behavioral health therapists are showing progress in both attendance and academics.**

## INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Great schools start at the top. Principal quality accounts for 10–25% of a school's academic achievement, and the Foundation promotes school leaders who are committed to the highest expectations for students. Last year we did this by:

- Supporting leadership training and mentorship for aspiring school leaders
- Awarding visionary school leaders with school innovation grants
- Enabling school leadership teams to design the turnaround at their schools

**This past year, nine school teams received school innovation grants, and 90% of those teams demonstrated new approaches to tackling some of the district's toughest challenges.**



# OUR FINANCES

We can't achieve the progress we're proud to be seeing in the St. Louis Public Schools without the generous support of our donors.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

School Funds	\$ 511,428
Early Childhood Education	3,141,172
College & Career Readiness	629,697
Health & Wellness	1,297,225*
School Leadership	340,051
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,919,573</b>

## REVENUES

	FY ending 6/20/2018	FY ending 6/30/2019
Contributions	\$ 793,032	\$ 1,093,475
Grants	1,516,035	2,399,569
Special Events	85,240	120,951
In-Kind*	1,054,004	1,090,104
Investment Income	57,995	41,031
Other	40,118	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,546,424</b>	<b>\$4,745,130</b>

## EXPENSES

	2018	2019
Management	\$ 112,956	\$ 134,069
Fundraising	198,618	210,503
Program, Services* & Investment	3,265,951	5,919,573
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,577,525</b>	<b>\$6,264,145</b>

\* includes in-kind support from BJC HealthCare

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Beginning Net Assets	\$ 5,589,149	\$ 5,558,048
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,558,048</b>	<b>\$3,940,477</b>

Based on annual audit conducted by Anders

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SCHOOL FUNDS

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

HEALTH & WELLNESS

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

**STRATEGIC  
PRIORITIES**

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