



Update on the Summer Dreamers Academy

**Education Committee Meeting
September 7, 2016**

Summer Dreamers Chant!

You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be: BIG DREAMERS!

Be ... what?
You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be: BIG DREAMERS!

I am a Big Dreamer
I know what to do
I will grad-u-ate
And I'll GET the Promise too!

We have got the knowledge
We have lots of fun
We will go to college
and show You just how it's done!

Now, if you want to doubt us
And don't believe it's true
Then come to Summer Dreamers
and see what we can do!

You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be ... what?
You gotta be: BIG DREAMERS!



What is Summer Dreamers?

- 27 full days of summer fun & learning
- NO COST for PPS students who have completed K-7th grade
- AM academics (ELA & math) taught by PPS teachers
- PM enrichment activities led by community-based organizations



This Past Summer (2016)

- Served over 2,000 campers
- Employed over 160 District staff
- Employed 50 District students through Summer Youth Employment *Learn and Earn* program
- Partnered with 26 community organizations who led 33 unique enrichment activities



Looking Back on Summer Dreamers

- Established in 2010
- Since then:
 - Served over 16,000 participants
 - Partnerships with local organizations
 - 2015 Winner of Excellence in Summer Learning Award
 - Participant in National Summer Learning Demonstration Study



What Does the Research Say?

- Dr. Catherine Augustine
Senior Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation



Moving Forward

- Prioritize program evaluation practices and sustaining progress to-date
- Smarter summers lead to brighter futures for our children!



- Ensure Summer Learning opportunities are available for ALL students



