



Update on the Summer Dreamers Academy

Education Committee Meeting September 7, 2016



Summer Dreamers Chant!

You gotta be ... what?

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You gotta be: BIG DREAMERS!

Be ... what?

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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!

I am a Big Dreamer

I know what to do

I will grad-u-ate

And I'll GET the Promise too!

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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





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Looking Back on Summer Dreamers

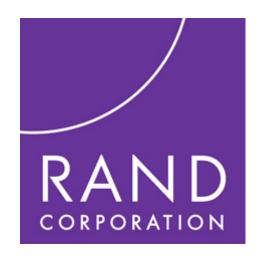
- Established in 2010
- Since then:
 - Served over 16,000 participants
 - Partnerships with local organizations
 - 2015 Winner of Excellence in Summer Learning Award
 - Participant in National Summer Learning Demonstration Study





What Does the Research Say?

Dr. Catherine Augustine
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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













