



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Onward SPPS

Committee of the Board

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Envision SPPS/ Onward SPPS

Campaigns, New Programs and Transitions Updates

- Phase 1: Envision SPPS: Well-rounded Education
- Phase 2: Envision SPPS: Growing Enrollment
 - Enrollment/Retention Campaign
 - PreKindergarten - HeadStart partnership
 - East African Magnet School
- Phase 3: Onward SPPS: Innovating with Community
 - Karen Culture and Language Workgroup
 - Flexible Calendar Year Workgroup (Crossroads Elementary)
 - African American Program Workgroup
 - Txuj Ci Facilities Committee

Phase 1 - Envision SPPS: Well-rounded Education

- **11 school programs expanded or changed** due to parent requests or program consolidations
 - Bruce Vento
 - Cherokee Heights
 - Galtier
 - Hamline
 - J.J. Hill
 - LNFI Lower
 - LNFI Upper
 - Maxfield
 - Parkway
 - Phalen
 - Riverview
- **1 high school pathway change** due to neighborhood expansion: Capitol Hill
- **6 sites** available for future programs, community partnerships, early childhood expansion or temporary space during construction, or other district needs
 - Galtier
 - Obama
 - J.A. Johnson
 - Jackson
 - J.J. Hill
 - LNFI Lower

Phase 2: Growing Enrollment SY22-23 to SY23-24

Participating Schools SY23-24:

1. Cherokee Heights
2. Dayton's Bluff
3. Hamline
4. Highwood Hills
5. Txuj Ci Upper Campus
6. Riverview Spanish/English Dual Immersion - added 1 Kindergarten section

Funds for SY24-25: \$75K at district level; still to be determined how funds will be used

Karen Culture and Language Program

- Timeline: Opens fall 2024
- Location: Wellstone Ele.
 - Opening at Kindergarten and welcoming all grades for siblings
 - Add a grade each year
 - Citywide busing
- Summer marketing efforts:
 - Hired part-time recruiters
 - Meetings with Karen community leaders, faith groups, events, door knocking, etc.
 - Billboard on Rice St.
 - Promotional video for social media
 - Postcard mailing to apartments with high-density Karen families



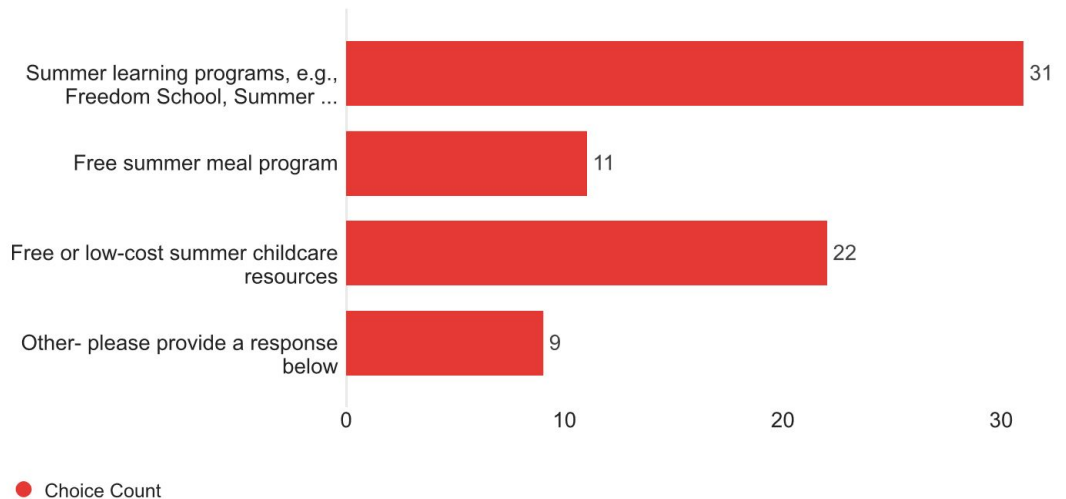
Crossroad's Year-round Calendar: Vote

- Paused recommendation at March 6 Committee of the Board
- Additional engagement:
 - Family engagement started this winter/spring via school events and conferences
 - School-wide survey plus follow up to assess family and staff needs
 - Fall 2025 timeline provides full year to help families and staff transition to new schedule and connect them to resources

Crossroads Engagement & Communications

- Engaged school community on what supports they need to make transition
- Survey sent to 421 with 36 responses (9%)
- Will continue to engage families and staff during SY24-25

What supports will you need to help your family transition to a traditional school calendar?



Crossroads Year-round Calendar: Vote

Today's recommendation:

Transition Crossroads Science and Montessori Elementary Schools to the SPPS-approved school calendar effective fall 2025

African American Program: Vote

- Location: Benjamin E. Mays
 - Informed by 70% African American student population criteria
- Timeline: Opens fall 2025
 - Informed by bargaining unit contractual obligations, e.g., School Redesign, Election to Work Agreement
- Program: Afrocentric
 - Current Program: International Baccalaureate (IB) contract not renewed
 - Any student can remain in Afrocentric program
 - Students who want to continue with IB will receive transportation to either Hazel Park or Highland Park based on home address

African American program at Benjamin E. Mays

AFRICAN AMERICAN PROGRAM WORKGROUP - PURPOSE STATEMENT:

Determine how SPPS can provide a well-rounded and sustainable elementary program focused on the African American experience, history, and culture while partnering with families to increase the educational outcomes and long-term success of African American students.

Recommendation: Provide the administration with the approval to move forward with working with the Benjamin E. Mays School community to determine the process for transitioning its current program while also defining the engagement and implementation process.

QUESTIONS?