SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
7362 East Point Douglas Rd S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 6, 2026
TOPIC: 4.1 - Kids Club, AVID & SoWashCo CARES Partnership
PRESENTERS: Cheryl Jogger, Amy Saldana, Julie Onken

A. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**
   a. Amplify student voice and provide meaningful, relevant service-learning opportunities by engaging Woodbury High School AVID students and Kid's Club students in building leadership skills and knowledge of community service learning.
   b. Innovation in Service Learning SoWashCo goals:
      - Student Leadership
      - Diverse Role Models
      - Building Confidence
      - Building Connections
      - Serving Our Community
   c. Three Community Service Units
      - Winter Clothing Drive
      - Nutritious Snacks
      - School Supplies

B. **RECOMMENDATION**
   a. Information

C. **CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY**
   a. Student Experience
   b. Engagement and Partnerships

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$24,962
Grant Award

Partners
AVID - Julie Onken, Molly Lester
AVID Woodbury High School Seniors
Kids Club - Amy Saldana, Amy Brengman,
Heidi Cadalbert, Terri Feesl, Heidi Wright
Kids Club kids: Bailey, Pine Hill & Woodbury Elementary
SoWashCo CARES - Cheryl Jogger
Finance - Amber Schauer
Teaching & Learning Services - Ian Bronson & Laura Larsen
Nutrition Services - Bobbi Jo Grummons & Erica Pawletzki
Communications - Marni Kanne

Innovation in Service Learning Grants
State Fiscal Years 2024-25

Purpose: The Minnesota Department of Education has funding available for grants to initiate or expand and strengthen innovative service learning opportunities for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Partnerships consisting of youth, community-based organizations, and schools will identify a community need or opportunity that could be met, expanded, or strengthened through youth-led service learning. The partnership collaborates on all aspects of the initiative, establishing sustainable relationships based on mutual interest and trust. The result of this work will be more systemic support in schools, which results in more opportunities for under served youth to participate in service learning.

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Program Goals
Career Exploration
Student Leadership
Diverse Role Models
Building Confidence
Building Connections
Serving Our Community

Three Community Service Units
Winter Clothing Drive
Nutritious Snacks
School Supplies

Program Overview:
Woodbury High School AVID seniors learn about needs in our community through SoWashCo CARES. During their AVID classes, the seniors practice teaching activities that they will lead with Kids Club students. They then attend Kids Club after school and teach the lessons to younger children. The AVID students are mentors and positive role models, creating meaningful relationships with younger students. The AVID seniors are honing their leadership skills and report gaining overall confidence as they engage in career exploration through this community service program. Funds provided by the grant make it possible for all students to select, purchase, and prepare for donation items for the SoWashCo CARES for the winter clothing drive and school supplies needs. AVID students hosted their own fundraising event for the Healthy Snacks drive which raised over $5,000.

Impact of the Grant and this Service Learning Program:
Winter Clothing - Over 400 students were served
Healthy Snacks - approximately 10,000 snacks provided
School Supplies - in progress

Lessons have aligned with curriculum standards and focused on:
Winter Clothing
- Needs in our community
- Dressing safely for winter
- Evaluating quality boots and gloves
- Creating purchase list of boots and gloves within a budget
- Hypothermia and how to avoid it
- Reading books about winter weather

Healthy Snacks
- Why school meals have requirements.
- Careers in school nutrition
- Sugar content in different beverages
- How to create balanced MyPlate meal
- Making your own health snacks
- Taste testing new fruits, vegetables & sweeteners

And more! As the final unit for school supplies is created.