

SPPS SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

2025-26

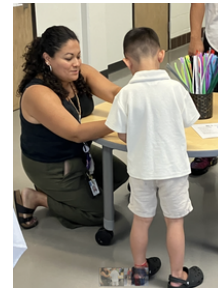
Every year, SPPS counselors at each level nominate colleagues for our District School Counselor of the Year award. All counselors vote to determine the winner. In May, we put forward an application for MSCA School Counselor of the Year for each of these counselors. At the state level, one counselor is chosen for Elementary, Middle and High School.

Districtwide Early Learning Center

Vanessa Amaya

"In her work with families, Vanessa maintains a balance of professional guidance and personal relatability. She is highly knowledgeable about community resources and takes the initiative to connect families with the specific services they require. Vanessa can be counted upon to ensure children and families have the needed resources for school and home success."

--Lori Erickson, Principal of Early Learning HUB



Murray Middle School

Justine Revermann

"Our students and families see Ms. Revermann as a granite pillar of our school. She sees students and families as partners in the work of leading our Murray Pilots down the path to success. Ms. Revermann is one of those extraordinary individuals that has defined what it truly means to be a servant of your community. Saint Paul Public Schools is very fortunate to have her as a team member. As her principal, I am honored to be able to offer a brief window into the great work that Ms. Revermann fully commits to every single day."

--Jamin MacKenzie, Principal Murray MS



Gordon Parks High School

Koryn Saunders Stroud

"Koryn is a dedicated advocate for student success at Gordon Parks. Known for her commitment to equitable decision-making and collaborative leadership. By spearheading mental health initiatives, career exposure programs, and data-driven scheduling changes, she played a key role in increasing graduation rates by 17 percent and establishing vital support groups for Native American students. Koryn provides tireless, year-round mentorship, ensuring every student is empowered to graduate and succeed in the world beyond school."

-- Shandyn Benson, Principal Gordon Parks HS

