

ONLINE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS (OSP)

ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY MUSIC RESOURCES FOR ALL OF MINNESOTA



“My mental health has been greatly impacted by this program for the simple fact of each day when we would have lessons, it made me want to come to school so I could improve.” – OSP student



“The classes are incredibly developmentally appropriate and catered to the needs of our classroom. We have really enjoyed being able to connect what we are learning in the classroom to different themes in music.” – E-12 Educator

WHAT IS MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC?

MacPhail Center for Music is one of the nation’s oldest and largest community-based music education centers. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we pride ourselves on being a statewide resource for music learning, events, and community partnerships.

WHAT MAKES MACPHAIL UNIQUE?

Resources to a school district:

- **Unique music curriculum for early childhood classes**
- **Individualized support for music students**
- **Professional development for E-12 educators**

The **Online School Partnerships (OSP)** program aims to increase access to high-quality music education for students who attend schools in Greater Minnesota to improve student interest and knowledge in music, as well as to **improve or support positive school engagement and non-academic skills**. Using technology, students of all ages and instruments connect with MacPhail teaching artists live online, working toward goals set by school educators. This program is available to all schools in Greater Minnesota and schools deemed Title I or the have 40% free and reduced lunch rate.

Sing Play Learn (SPL) with MacPhail Online is an early childhood music program that strives to increase access to high quality music education for students in Greater Minnesota. Student **participants benefit developmentally** with gains in executive functioning, social-emotional skills, foundations in musical concepts, and cognition and language development through musical learning experiences.

FUNDING REQUEST

An appropriation of \$300,000 for the FY24 and FY25 biennium would expand access for online music education for Minnesota schools. Private foundations additionally support this program to greatly reduce school fees. Authors Amendment to SF1329

WHY FUND THIS BILL?

The Online School Partnership program has demonstrated positive outcomes that can positively affect mental health such as:

- **Motivation**
- **Confidence**
- **Focus**
- **Social-Emotional Skills**
- **Desire to do well in school**
- **Desire to attend school**

While Minnesota schools have been adding teachers since 2006, the trend in music has been the opposite.* MacPhail's OSP and SPL programs substantially contribute to the strength, vibrancy, and vitality to Minnesota communities by supporting school music programs.

MacPhail's online programs are able to reach across all of Minnesota. OSP and SPL served a combined 1,167 students in 20-21 throughout 18 schools and early childhood programs.

*MDE data 2006-2013

OUTCOMES

- 100% of participants reported learning new musical skills through OSP that helped them in school music ensembles
- 88% of students report that participation in OSP resulted in increased motivation to participate in school music ensembles as well as increased motivation to do well on their instrument
- 67% of participants report that OSP had a positive impact on their mental health and made them more excited to come to school.
- 61% of students agreed they feel more connected to other students in their music classes because of Online School Partnerships

Data derived from 2022 student surveys conducted by Wilder Research

CONTACT US

Kyle Carpenter
Chief Executive Officer
612-767-5311
carpenter.kyle@macphail.org

Kristen Christopherson
Christopherson Advocates, President
612-232-7603
kirsten@christophersonadvocates.com

MacPhail
CENTER FOR MUSIC