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Minnesota Full-Service Community Schools Network Requests

Funding Request

MN FSCS Network is requesting \$19 million/year to sustain approximately 60 Full-Service Community Schools sites over the course of two years.

Last Cycle

\$7.5 million/year for FSCS

Upcoming Cycle

\$5 million/year,
if left unchanged

“The FSCS strategy allows [our school] to be creative and strategic in reaching for both District and school goals – particularly those related to family and community engagement.”

— MN FSCS Principal



Funding Need

- Without immediate action, Minnesota will see a significant reduction of FSCS sites.
- Recent inflation has disproportionately impacted low income neighborhoods. FSCS are designed to attract and align existing community resources and direct them to families that need them the most. FSCS is an anti-inflation strategy.
- Last year, due to limited funds, only 25 FSCS grants were awarded out of 55 applications. Interest in this evidence-based strategy is growing and we expect increased applications in the future.

Proposed Legislative Changes

- Increase funding to \$19 million/year to recognize need, inflation, interest, and districts of all sizes.
- Require that grant applications be submitted by a “consortium” consisting of a school and community organization in order to recognize the centrality of community partnerships in the success of the strategy.
- Prioritize schools already utilizing FSCS strategies in support of youth and families.
- Provide flexibility for schools to build leadership councils that better reflect their site's needs and engagement levels.
- Increase funding for administrative needs (professional development, initiative support) for the MN Department of Education and the MN FSCS Network.
- Open applications to more than three schools per district.

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FSCS Network Members

Brooklyn Center Community School

Deer River Schools

Duluth Public Schools

East Grand Forks Public Schools

Excell Academy, Brooklyn Park
Charter

Faribault Public Schools

Hopkins Public Schools

Intermediate District #287

Lincoln International High Schools,
Mpls Charter

Mankato Area Public Schools

Minneapolis Public Schools

Northfield Public Schools

Robbinsdale Area Public Schools

Rochester Public Schools

St. Cloud Area School District

St. Louis Park Public School District

St. Paul City School, St. Paul Charter

St. Paul Public Schools