

St. Cloud Area
School District 



PRESCHOOL 4 SUCCESS



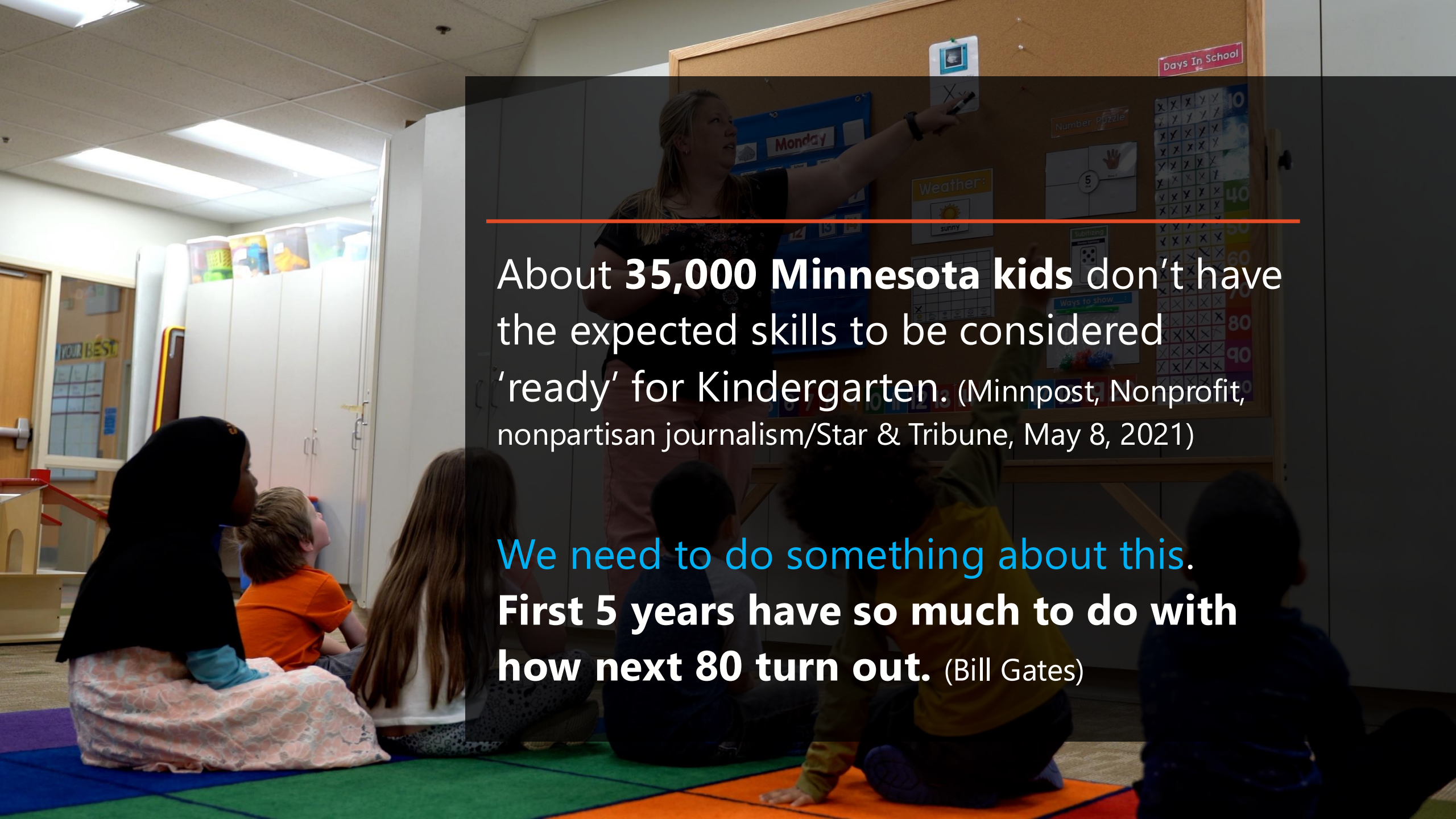
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL MINNESOTA



Partner for Student Success



About **35,000 Minnesota kids** don't have the expected skills to be considered 'ready' for Kindergarten. (Minnpost, Nonprofit, nonpartisan journalism/Star & Tribune, May 8, 2021)

We need to do something about this.
First 5 years have so much to do with how next 80 turn out. (Bill Gates)

RESEARCH - ECONOMICS

- According to research, every \$1 invested in quality preschool for disadvantaged kids returns up to \$16 to taxpayers. (Research Director Minneapolis Federal Reserve/Star Tribune May 8, 2021)
- 7-10% Return on Investment – money invested in Early Childhood Education (Star Tribune, May 15, 2022)
- Long Term Impact of Preschool – greater academic success, higher earnings & better health (Perry Study Michigan Through age 40, N.Y. Times, December 2, 2021)
- Children who attended preschool had graduation rates averaging nearly 80% percent, while the graduation rate for those not enrolled was only 60%. (Perry Study Michigan)
- Minnesota ranks 37th in the country in regards to Access to Preschool. Iowa is 5th. Wisconsin is 7th. ([NIEER](#), 2003)





IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

~ African Proverb

DONORS & FUNDERS

- INDIVIDUAL & BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP DONORS
- THOMAS A. RITSCH YOUTH GRANT
- ST. CLOUD MORNING OPTIMISTS
- CENTRACARE FOUNDATION
- INITIATIVE FOUNDATION
- PARKER FOUNDATION
- STEARNS ELECTRIC
- COBORN'S
- SCHEELS
- LEAF

IN-KIND SUPPORT



PARTNERSHIP POWER



FUNDING SOURCES

ROTARY & 742 EACH GENERATE 50% OF THE P4S FUNDING

Rotary Scholarships & Community Contributions

21-22: \$58,325

22-23: \$120,258

23-24: \$110,776

TOTAL: \$289,359

**DISTRICT 742
Matching Contribution**

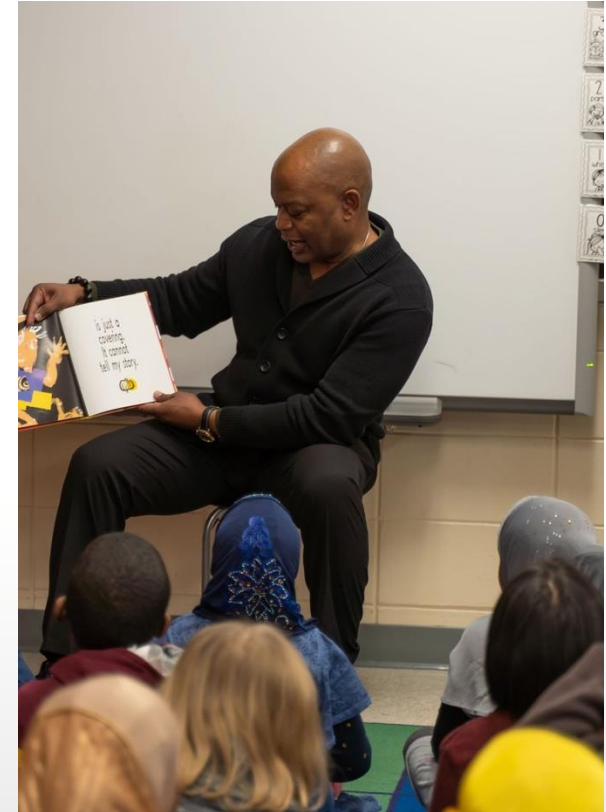
\$289,359+





PRESCHOOL 4 SUCCESS PROGRAM 21-22

- 2 Boys & Girls Club Classrooms (25 children)
 - (Roosevelt & Southside)
- 3 Sections of 4-Year-Old Preschool Mon-Thur / AM & PM
- 2 St. Cloud School District Preschool Teachers
- 1 paraprofessionals
- St. Cloud Area School District Curriculum





22-23 & 23-24 REVIEW

- Community Events – Family Engagement Nights
- 4 Four-Year-Old sections (15 each) at Talahi & Discovery
- 3 Three-Year-Old sections (12 each) at Quarryview
- GOAL – 96 children
- Provide busing to Talahi, Discovery & Quarryview
- Rotarians volunteer in the classroom – Gingerbread cookie decorating and finger paint giveaway
- Met with Legislators and supported Rotary Day at the Capitol



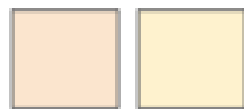
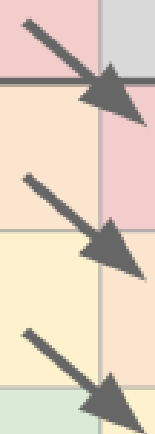
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY

	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
All Students (MN)	48.2%	47.8%	47.1%	46.3%
All Students (742)	33.8%	31.7%	32.2%	28.8%
Students Living in Poverty	24.6%	22.1%	23.5%	21.8%
Multilingual Learners	12.8%	11.1%	15.1%	10.1%

Retention Rates

Cohort	PK 4 Success Enrollment	Current Enrollment
2021-2022	29	NA
2022-2023	96	unknown
2023-2024	96	71
2024-2025	90	71



Retention Rate = 79.8%

early Reading

Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Fall 2024-2025



On Target (49.6%)
(Above 40th percentile)



Some Risk (24.4%)
(Above 15th and Below 40th
Percentile)



High Risk (25.9%)
(Below 15th percentile)

Districtwide

42%

25.6%

32.4%

PK 4 Success

+7.6%
(67)

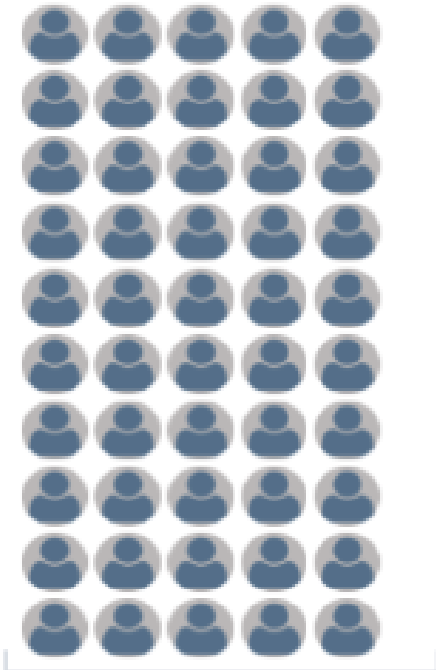
-1.2%
(33)

-6.5%
(35)

early Math

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Fall 2024-2025



On Target (73.5%)
(Above 40th percentile)



Some Risk (14.7%)
(Above 15th and Below 40th
Percentile)



High Risk (11.8%)
(Below 15th percentile)

Districtwide

62.6%

18.4%

19%

PK 4 Success

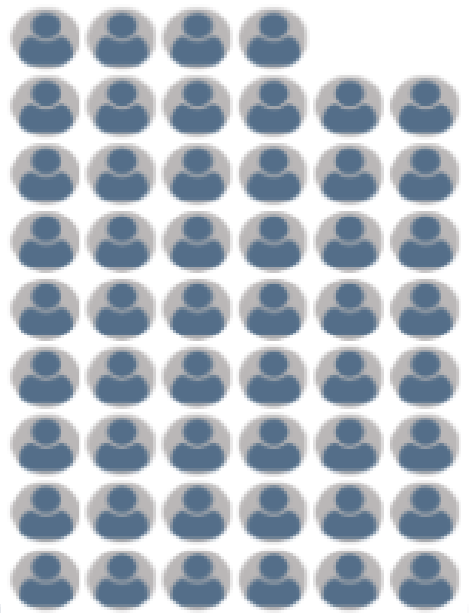
+10.9%
(50)

-3.7%
(10)

-7.2%
(8)

Letter Names

Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Fall 2024-2025



On Target (75.4%)
(Above 40th percentile)



Some Risk (10.1%)
(Above 15th and Below
40th Percentile)



High Risk (14.5%)
(Below 15th percentile)

Districtwide

59.5%

20.3%

20.2%

PK 4 Success

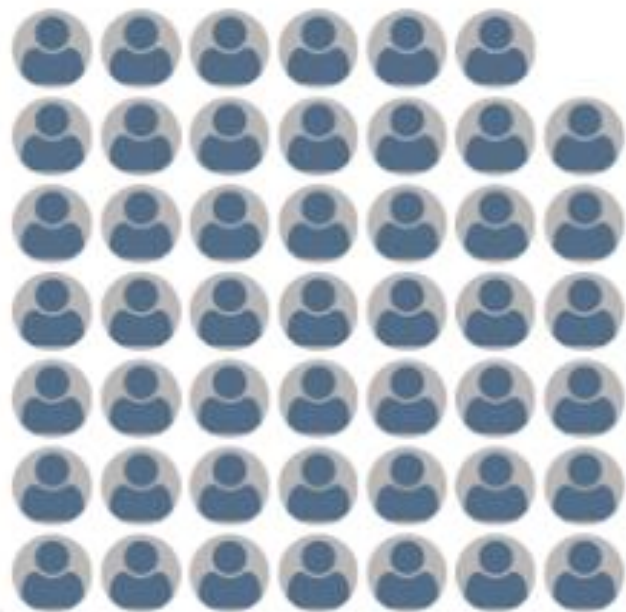
+15.9
(52)

-10.2
(7)

--5.7
(10)

Letter Sounds

Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Fall 2024-2025



Low Risk (70.6%)

(Above 40th percentile)



Some Risk (29.4%)

(Above 15th and Below 40th
Percentile)

High Risk (0%)

(Below 15th percentile)

Districtwide

54.7%

45.1%

0.2%

PK 4 Success

**+15.9
(48)**

**-15.7
(20)**

**-0.2
(0)**

PLANS for 2024-2025

- 6 Classrooms at 3 Schools
- 90 4-year-olds
- 3 Teachers and 3 Paraprofessionals
- Advocacy Efforts - Legislature
- Fundraising Efforts



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**“It’s easier to build
strong children than to
repair broken men.”**

~Frederick Douglass







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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?