



Board Meeting Date: September 14, 2026

Title: 2026 Summer Programming - Community Education & Strategic Partnerships

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education & Strategic Partnerships; Dr. Cheryl Gunness, Community Engagement & Purpose Learning Supervisor; and Mark De Young, Assistant Principal at Concord Elementary

Description: Edina Public Schools Community Education's 2026 summer programming was exciting and engaging. Our presentation will provide a comprehensive overview, detailing quantitative and qualitative information and feedback from students, parents, and staff.

The data paints a powerful picture of reach and impact. Little Kids Club for three and four-year old students was offered for the very first time this summer, providing an enriching and high quality environment for 56 students. Regular Kids Club provided care to 1,145 students in incoming grades K-6, an increase of 67 students from last year, delivering 244,098 hours of attendance offering 243 field trips. Youth enrichment programming enrolled 3,681 unique users across 511 sections, totaling 7,652 registrations. Our dedicated middle and high school student volunteers contributed 5,071 hours of their time, valued at \$183,266 at the national volunteer rate. Financial assistance extended to 184 students who participated in 272 camp experiences. Summer Targeted Services, known as "excitED!", served 295 students and provided 16,994 attendance hours, with the attendance rate climbing to 91.44 percent.

Our team places a strong emphasis on fostering a culture of belongingness. In alignment with the district, we applied Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MnMTSS), social-emotional learning, cultural proficiency, and restorative practices so that every student had the opportunity to thrive. This commitment was visible in our inclusion work, where 616 students identified support needs at registration, 220 received intensive one-to-one or shared support, and 106 enrolled in summer Unified programming. It also extended to our secondary offerings through career exploration, leadership development, and paid staff roles, including 36 high school students hired for summer Kids Club and Enrichment, at least ten of whom began as volunteers. Our programming spanned the full community, from early learning through the Early Learning and Family Center to adult enrichment, where 100 percent of surveyed participants would recommend their class to a friend.

Across all programs, summer 2026 reached 5,393 students and delivered 382,647 hours of care, learning, and growth, the equivalent of 44 years of programming in 11 weeks. The

breadth and depth of our 2026 summer programming is awe-inspiring. This is yet another example of Edina Public Schools defining excellence for our students and community.

Recommendation: N/A

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Please review the information and come prepared with your questions.

Attachments: [2026 Summer Program Slides](#)