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# PRESCHOOL 4 SUCCESS

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF CENTRAL MINNESOTA



United Way  
of Central Minnesota



Partner for Student Success



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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

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- 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 37<sup>th</sup> in the country in regards to Access to Preschool Iowa is 5<sup>th</sup>. Wisconsin is 7<sup>th</sup>. ([NIEER](#), 2003)





# IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

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~ 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

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## Rotary Scholarships & Community Contributions

21-22: \$58,325

22-23: \$120,258

23-24: \$110,776

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**TOTAL: \$289,359**

**DISTRICT 742  
Matching Contribution**

**\$289,359+**



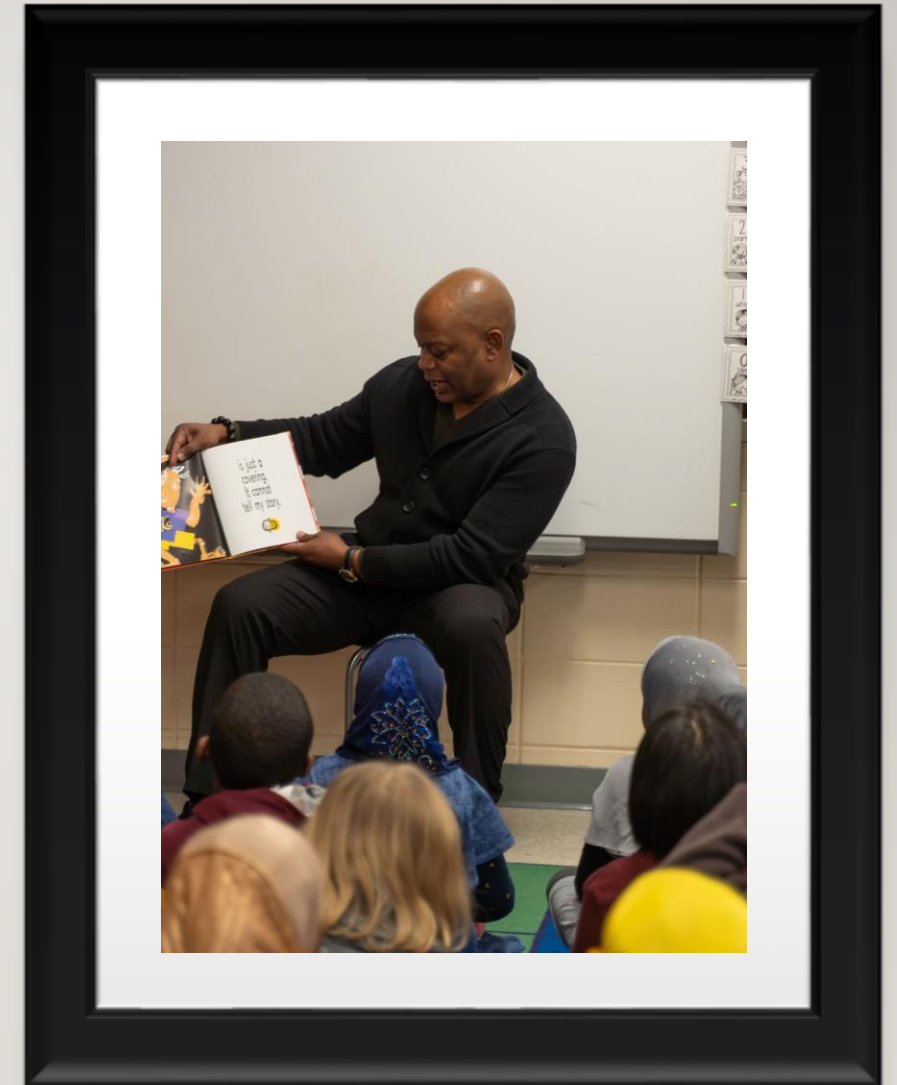


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# PRESCHOOL 4 SUCCESS PROGRAM 21-22

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- 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

## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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%

# CLASSROOM DEMOGRAPHICS 21-24



Category	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Total #	25	96	96	90
Male	43%	48%	47%	
Female	57%	52%	53%	
Black/African American	62%	79%	72%	
White	24%	17%	17%	
Hispanic/Black-White	15%			
Hawaiian/Pacific		2%		
American Indian		2%	3%	
Asian			8%	

# Meal Status

## PreK - Kindergarten - 1st Grade



Free

Paid

Reduced

Not Specified

Districtwide

**59.1%**

**33.3%**

**5.6%**

**2%**

PK 4 Success

**+0.5%**  
**(134)**

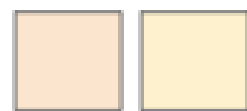
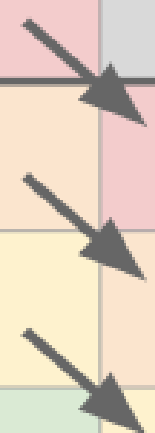
**-3.5%**  
**(67)**

**+1.1%**  
**(15)**

**+2%**  
**(9)**

# 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)**

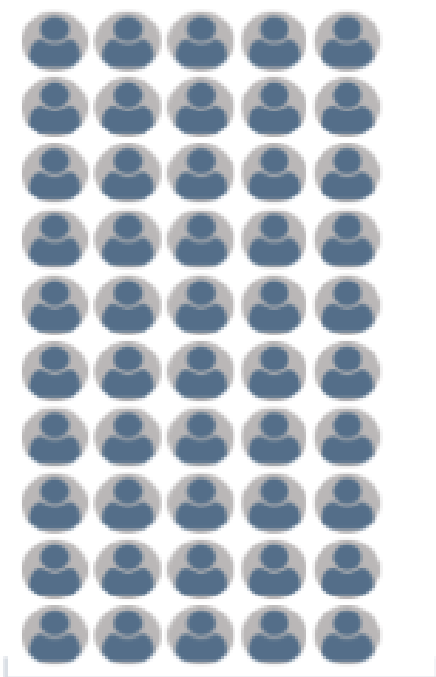
**-1.2%**  
**(33)**

**-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)

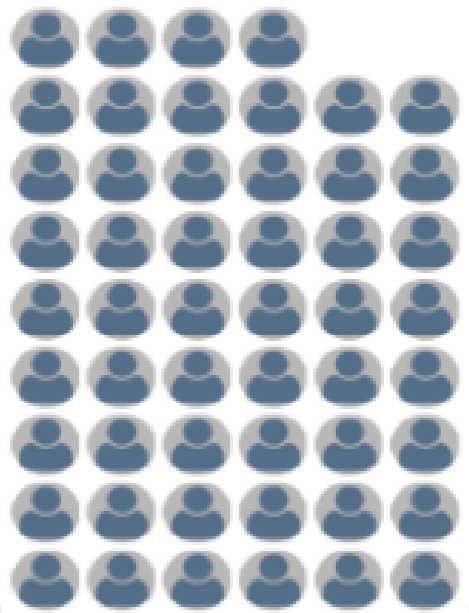


**High Risk (11.8%)**  
(Below 15th percentile)

<b>Districtwide</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>PK 4 Success</b>	<b>+10.9%</b> <b>(50)</b>	<b>-3.7%</b> <b>(10)</b>	<b>-7.2%</b> <b>(8)</b>

# 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**

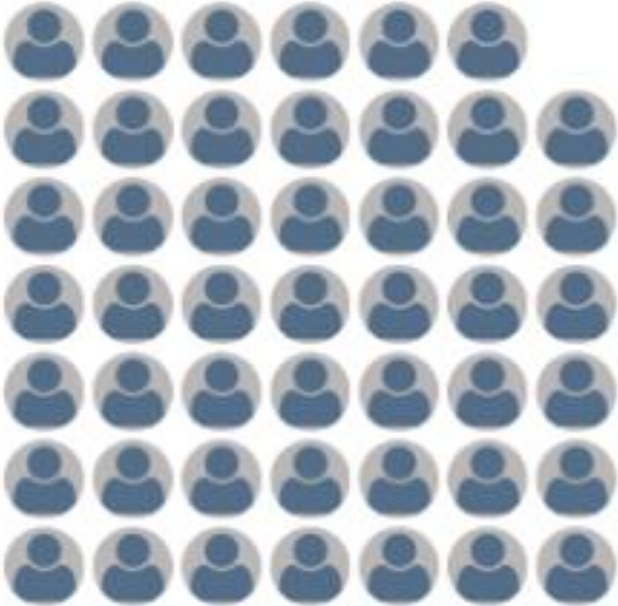
**+15.9**  
**(52)**

**-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

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



# PRESCHOOL 4 SUCCESS

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

**~Frederick Douglass**







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The text "St. Cloud Area School District" is written in a black, serif font. To the right of the text is a logo consisting of a green stylized tree or plant with three leaves, and the number "742!" in a colorful, bold, sans-serif font. The "7" is red, the "4" is green, and the "2" is blue. The exclamation point is orange.

THANK YOU!

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QUESTIONS?

A dark gray rectangular area containing the text "THANK YOU!" in large, white, uppercase, sans-serif letters. Below this text is a thin red horizontal line. Underneath the line, the word "QUESTIONS?" is written in a smaller, white, uppercase, sans-serif font.