



# DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Preparing all students for successful lives in the twenty-first century . . .  
success in the workplace, success in the home, and success in the community*

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October 30, 2012

Joan Gardner-Goodno and Foundation Board  
Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation  
130 W Superior Street, Ste 520  
Duluth, MN 55802

RE: *Youth Success Team* Model in the Schools  
Application for funding of \$30,000 for the 2012-2013 School Year

Dear Ms. Gardner-Goodno and Foundation Board,

Please find enclosed, a Minnesota Common Core Grant Application for the amount of \$30,000. We are requesting funding to cover a portion of the cash match for AmeriCorps Members and Promise Fellows within the schools, building upon the *Youth Success Team* model implemented last year. These teams connect community resources with children and youth at their school site and bridge in-school and out-of-school time activities.

Strategies shown to reduce poverty's impact on children include effectively addressing children's mental and physical health issues, providing focused one-to-one interventions with trained tutors, and providing access to educational, social, and cultural enrichment opportunities that keep youth intellectually and creatively engaged. To this end, Duluth Public Schools, in partnership with True North AmeriCorps and Minnesota Alliance With Youth has established *Youth Success Teams* in every school.

We ask that the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation support this invitation to partner with the Duluth Public Schools in providing these services. We believe *School Success Teams* increase the overall capacity of our schools and community to ensure our children have the strongest possible foundation for success in school and life. The *Youth Success Teams* ensure that identified students are connected to interventions that help them improve in areas of attendance, behavior, and academic growth. During the school year, AmeriCorps Members and Promise Fellows work as part of *Youth Success Teams* to provide academic support and facilitate linkages between in-school and out-of-school time learning. During the summer, interaction with students will continue through efforts at local youth agencies and other community-based programs. The relationships formed between students and members of *Youth Success Teams* will facilitate opportunities for learning throughout the entire year.

Please direct questions concerning this grant application to me at [william.gronseth@duluth.k12.mn.us](mailto:william.gronseth@duluth.k12.mn.us) or 218-336-8752. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful support and consideration of this application.

Most sincerely,

William L. Gronseth  
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

# Minnesota Common Grant Application Form

## Grant Application Cover Sheet

Date of application: October 2012 Application submitted to: Lloyd K. Johnson Fdn.

### Organization Information

**Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709**

<i>Name of organization</i>		<i>Legal name, if different</i>	
<b>215 North First Avenue East</b>	<b>Duluth, MN 55802</b>	<b>41-6003776</b>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>City, State, Zip</i>	<i>Employer Identification Number (EIN)</i>	
<b>218-336-8752</b>	<b>218-336-8773</b>	<b>www.duluth.k12.mn.us</b>	
<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>	<i>Web site</i>	
<b>William Gronseth</b>	<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>218-336-8752</b>	<b>william.gronseth@duluth.k12.mn.us</b>
<i>Name of top paid staff</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
<b>William Gronseth</b>	<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>218-336-8752</b>	<b>william.gronseth@duluth.k12.mn.us</b>
<i>Name of contact regarding application</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>

Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No  
 If no, is your organization a public agency/unit of government?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If no, check with funder for details on using fiscal agents, and list name and address of fiscal agent:  
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### Proposal Information

Please give a 2-3 sentence summary of request:

**ISD 709 Duluth Public Schools is requesting \$30,000 to cover a portion of the cash match for AmeriCorps Members and Promise Fellows within the schools, building upon the "Youth Success Team" model implemented last year. These Teams connect community resources with children and youth at their school site and bridge in-school and out-of-school time activities.**

Population served: **4,500 unduplicated students** Geographic area served: **Duluth, MN**

Funds are being requested for (check one) *Note: Please be sure funder provides the type of support you are requesting.*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General operating support	<input type="checkbox"/> Start-up costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital
<input type="checkbox"/> Project/program support	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) _____

Project dates (if applicable): 1/1/13 – 6/30/13 Fiscal year end: June 30, 2013

### Budget

Dollar amount requested:	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Total annual organization budget:	<u>\$ 125,000,000</u>
Total project budget (for support other than general operating):	<u>\$ 210,200</u>

### Authorization

Name and title of top paid staff or board chair: William Gronseth, Superintendent ISD 709

Signature

  
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