



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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RE: **Summer Launch 2018 Update - Informational Report**

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The District 97 vision is to **create a positive learning environment for all District 97 students that is equitable, inclusive, and focused on the whole child.** Our district summer programs will address the following universal goals:

- Every student is known, nurtured, and celebrated learner
- Every student is an empowered passionate scholar
- Every student is a confident and persistent achiever
- Every student is a creative critical thinker and global citizen

Summer Launch Enrollment

We extended invitations to a total of 221 incoming K-4th grade students and 114 incoming 5th-8th grade students. Current enrollment is below:

	K-4 Summer Launch	5-8 Summer Launch
Current Enrollment - Summer Launch 2018	104	31
Adjusted Enrollment Goal - Summer Launch 2018 (based on current staffing for an approximate 1:11 teacher-student ratio per classroom)	100	40
Original Enrollment Goal - Summer Launch 2018	110	60

In mid-May, following spring Kindergarten Readiness Testing (KRT), we invited sixteen incoming Kindergarten students to participate in our Summer Launch, based on highest need according to KRT results. We currently have five incoming Kindergarten students enrolled in the program. Email invitations were sent to families, followed up by phone calls if we received no response.

Summer Launch Staffing

We have hired one coordinator and nine teachers for the K-4 Summer Launch program, as well as one coordinator and four teachers for the 5-8 Summer Launch program. Additionally, one social worker will work with both the 5-8 Summer Launch program at Julian and the K-4 Summer Launch program at Longfellow, to provide behavioral and social-emotional support to students.

Additional Summer Learning Opportunities through Community Partnerships

This summer, we have also partnered with two other community organizations to provide other summer learning opportunities for District 97 students.

The SMART Summer Student Empowerment Program (SSEP) is a partnership program between District 97, the Oak Park Township, Fellowship Community Services/Friday Night Place (FNP), and Concordia University Chicago (CUC). This full-day program provides a comprehensive approach to summer learning for students, with the primary goals of addressing literacy skills and developing social-emotional learning and mentorship with our students. The SMART SSEP will run June 11 through July 13.

The Power of Partnerships (POP) program is a partnership program between District 97, the E-Team, Dominican University, and the Oak Park Public Library. The POP Summer Program connects learning to inquiry, experimentation, and hands-on projects that focus on collaboration and relationship building, while supporting basic skill development in literacy and math. The full-day POP Summer Program will run July 16 through August 10.