

# 2014 - 2015 Annual Report

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## Project SOAR empowers adults with disabilities

Project SOAR has been a leader in providing positive experiences for adults with disabilities in Community Education. Project SOAR provides specially designed enrichment classes, like art and crafts and recreational activities, like bowling and dances, to meet the diverse needs of our participants. Project SOAR offered over 180 classes and activities last year.

The program is open to anyone with a disability that is 18 years or older. Project SOAR is part of a consortium which includes the school districts of Hopkins, Minnetonka, St. Louis Park and Wayzata, but you don't have to live in those districts to participate in the program.



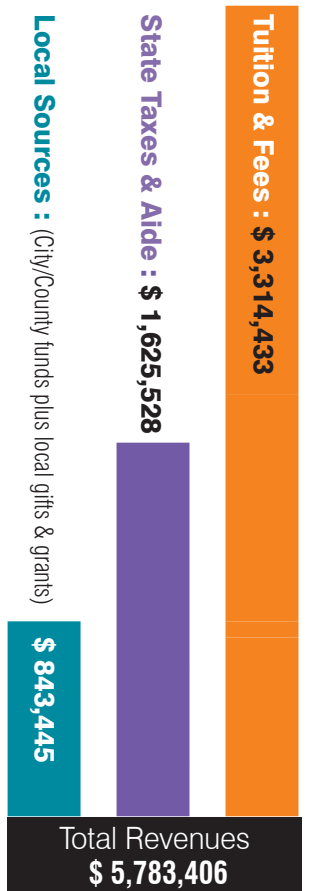
## 2014-2015 Participant Information

Program	Participants
Adult Enrichment	4,518
Adult Options in Education/ESL	512
Aquatics	2,187
ECFE/Early Learning	2,534
Gymnastics	1,073
Kid Dance	326
Kids' Place (Pre-K & School Age)	797
Project SOAR (includes data from four-district consortium)	3,866
Senior Program	20,221
Summer Learning & Play (youth summer enrichment)	812
Volunteer Program	380
Youth Development	2,026
Youth Enrichment	1,346
<b>Total Program Participants</b>	<b>40,598</b>
Facilities Use (includes 78 different community groups)*	18,004

\*Due to a change in software in 2013, the facilities use participants are totaled in a different manner, using year-long group numbers rather than turnstile counts. Therefore, fewer total facilities participants are reported.

**Based on Turnstile Count:** Data from 2014-2015 Minnesota Department of Education Report.

## Community Education Revenue Sources



### 2014-15 COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Jim Beneke            | Erik Johnson   | Kristen Piper         |
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| Nick Jacobs           | Ken Morrison   | Lisa Greene, Director |

### 2014-15 SCHOOL BOARD

- Nancy Gores
- Kenneth Morrison
- Bruce Richardson
- Julie Sweitzer
- Joe Tatalovich
- Karen Waters
- Jim Yarosh
- Rob Metz, Superintendent

### 2014-15 CITY COUNCIL

- Tim Brausen
- Steve Hallfin
- Gregg Lindberg
- Ann Mavity
- Sue Sanger
- Jake Spano
- Jeff Jacobs, Mayor
- Tom Harmening, City Manager



## A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR LISA GREENE

– In 2015, the District revised its Strategic Plan for 2015-2020. I was fortunate to serve on the Core Planning Team and on a Strategy Team.

It's rewarding to be working in a district that so strongly values serving our entire community, from birth to senior citizens, that its mission statement includes "offer high quality opportunities for lifelong learning." That values community so much that an entire strategy was written to ensure that we collaborate with our diverse community to achieve our mission.

We take that to heart in Community Education. Over the last several years we have aligned our early childhood programs to better serve our diverse community and to ensure our students are ready for kindergarten.

Engaging our adults is important to us too. We had an Adult Programs Visioning Session and we are putting together a plan for how to increase our engagement with the adults in our community.

In Community Education, we are very well connected with the school district and take pride in our desire and ability to connect with the entire community, those who have students in our schools, and those who don't.

Thanks to all of you who make St. Louis Park a great place for lifelong learning: our participants, our staff, our teachers and our wonderfully connected and supportive community!



## BIRTH - FIVE Programs

*Preparing your child for success in school and life, beginning at birth.*

### EARLY LEARNING AND CREATIVE PLAY –

Serving children ages 33 months-5 years old, the curriculum for these programs focuses on language and literacy, social and emotional development, and school readiness skills. In the 2013-14 school year, Early Learning and Creative Play merged to offer one simple, straightforward intake and registration process, while keeping choices for morning and afternoon sessions, and opportunities for parent education.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)** – Parents and children, ages birth-5, play and learn together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

**FAMILY LEARNING** - While parents enrolled in ABE learn English or work on their GED, preschool children learn in activities.

**KIDS' PLACE EARLY LEARNING** – Provides a high quality preschool experience within a full-day child care setting.

SLP Community Education also serves preschoolers with Aquatics, Gymnastics and Kid Dance classes, all held at Central Community Center.



## SENIOR PROGRAM

*Health and Fitness Opportunities Increase*

The St. Louis Park Senior Program, housed at Lenox Community Center, operates in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park. Seniors enjoy weekly activities such as 500 cards, party bridge, canasta, cribbage, mah jongg and more. Bingo is offered twice a month, and once a month there is a country music jam session where musicians, dancers, singers and spectators come together to have a good time. Every Thursday, there is ballroom dancing in the gym, with live music. An active woodshop, led by volunteers, painting classes, and lectures on topics ranging from history to art round out the many options for lifelong learning offered through the Senior Program.



## ADULT PROGRAMS

*Lifelong Learning Completes*

**ADULT ENRICHMENT** – Serves lifelong learners of all ages with courses covering a wide variety of topics such as arts and crafts, fitness and nutrition, technology, dance, music and more.

**ADULT OPTIONS IN EDUCATION / Adult Basic Education** – AOIE provides a solid foundation of basic education classes for adult students. Day and evening classes focus on building reading comprehension, math, preparation for GED Exam as well as speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for non-native speakers. Auxiliary services are provided at Wayside Residential Center. AOIE is a partnership between St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Minnetonka Community Education

**PROJECT SOAR** – This program for adults with disabilities offers classes in a variety of social, recreational and enrichment activities. Project SOAR operates in partnership with Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata Community Education.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** – Recruited and trained almost 400 community volunteers for St. Louis Park Public Schools. Volunteers generously gave over 12,000 hours of their time helping students with reading, math, English language learning and more. The total value of volunteer service in the 2014-15 school year was over \$278,000.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

*Creating building blocks for a healthy, happy life*

**YOUTH ENRICHMENT** – Serves students in grades K-12 and their families with a variety of classes and extracurricular activities in areas such as arts, music, sports, fitness and more.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** - Brings students in grades 4-12 together to develop leadership skills through service learning and volunteerism.

**AQUATICS** – Provides lessons for swimmers ages five months through senior citizens, lap swimming opportunities, and pool rental and synchronized swimming club coordination.

**GYMNASTICS** – Provides enrichment gymnastics classes for participants ages 2-18, and prepares athletes for competition on the SLP High School team.

**SUMMER LEARNING AND PLAY** – This program ensures continued learning over the summer for students grades K-8 through enrichment classes and activities.

**KIDS' PLACE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE** – Offers child care for school-age children, before and after school and all day in the summer.