PLAYWORKS MINNESOTA

IMPACT REPORT
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (SY)

Together, we are bringing out the best in every kid!

During the 2022-2023 SY Playworks Minnesota served **19,427 students** across **49 schools** in the Twin Cities Metro Area.

Students demographics, 61% Students of Color, 19% English Language Learners, 46% Low Income, & 14% Special Education.

2022-2023 School Year
Educators Agreed that Playworks:

- **95%** creates opportunities for inclusion of diverse groups of students.
- **96%** helps students connect to their peers.
- **93%** creates a supportive learning environment.
- **93%** increases the number of students that are physically active at recess.

"Playworks teaches kids ways to play together, include everyone, play fair, & resolve conflicts."
- Saint Paul Teacher
For over 25 years, Playworks has given kids foundational skills for success on the playground, in the classroom, and in the community. Playworks is the leading organization in Minnesota leveraging play to promote healthy behaviors and increase social and emotional learning, at recess and throughout the school day.

Playworks social emotional interventions meet the highest criteria for evidence of impact under the federal education law, Every Student Succeeds Act. (Rand Corp. Review 2017)

Playworks evidence-based interventions are backed by controlled and independent studies that verify Playworks:

**INCREASES STUDENT**
- Attendance
- Emotional and Physical Safety
- Positive Peer & Adult Interactions
- Academic Engagement
- Teaching time, 18 hrs. (avg) per classroom per SY
- Vigorous Physical Activity

**DECREASES STUDENT**
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Physical and Verbal Conflicts
- Discipline Incidents
- Bullying

96% of Playworks partner schools improved recess quality in one or more areas: student safety, engagement, and empowerment.
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Corporate Partner of the Year: Twelve Consulting Group

Twelve's mission is to unlock potential for individuals, organizations, and communities alike. As a Playworks partner, Twelve Consulting Group is living out that mission. In the 22 - 23 SY, they raised the recess bar for 481 students at Marcy Elementary School in NE Mpls. Support from Twelve Consulting Group ensured students experienced Playworks programming once a week for the entire school year. That impact was deepened through their Palentine's fundraiser to support the 5th grade trip to Wolf Ridge and joining kindergarten, 4th, and 5th grade students for recess. We are excited for the opportunity to spotlight their partnership and name them our 2022 - 2023 Corporate Partner of the Year.

Collaborative Partner of the Year: Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative (RCCMHC)

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2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrating National Girls & Women in Sports Day
In February, students at Marcy Arts Elementary were joined by Minnesota Lynx Player, Napheesa Collier, at recess. 4th and 5th grade students enjoyed basketball and other favorite recess games. High fives were shared between Napheesa and students at this special edition recess. Moments like these create a strong sense of community for students and reminds them that they matter.

Adapting Play to Optimize Inclusion
This school year program specialist, Raymi Choate, led programming with District 916. Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916 offers specialized programming for special education students. Raymi modified existing Playworks games to accommodate the wide variety of skills and abilities of students. With this year-long partnership the programs team created an adapted game guide centered around play for students with disabilities.

Corporate Kickball Tournament
Playworks Minnesota hosted the 12th Annual Corporate Kickball Tournament on June 23, 2023. 18 Corporate teams came together at Bossen Field Park for an exciting day. Teams played in round robin and bracket play and learned about the importance of play. Allianz Life Team: Kickball Center of Excellence became the newest tournament champions. See you on the kickball field in 2024!

Playground Beautification
Playground Paints returned in Summer 2023. As a part of NorthRock Partners and Foundation X's Juneteenth Volunteer Initiative, team members transformed the blacktop at Nellie Stone Johnson Elementary School in North Minneapolis. By adding tag boundaries, four square courts, hopscotch courts, and basketball lines, all students will feel welcome and included on the playground. These beautifications bring us one step closer to safe and healthy communities!
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