



ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

SLPS SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION

Mr. Haliday Douglas
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THE SLPS FOUNDATION

Since 1997, the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation has existed to mobilize the community's generosity and to support the amazing educators and students within the Saint Louis Public Schools. Over the years, we've provided schools with more than \$20 million in resources.

The **mission:** Raise and invest funds in solutions that drive equitable outcomes for all St. Louis Public School students, while recognizing and promoting excellence in our city's public schools

The **vision:** All SLPS students have access to excellent schools with robust and responsive **academic and social-emotional** resources that support them to achieve their goals

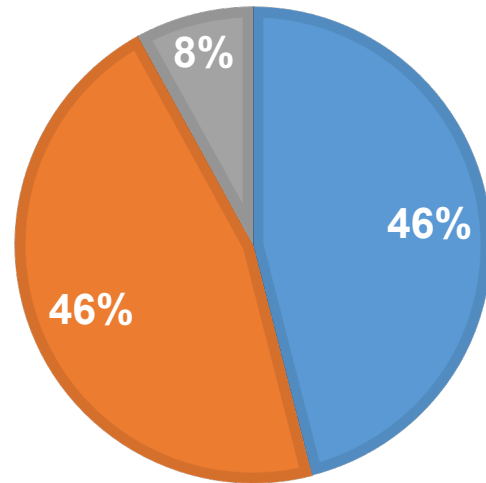


WHY WE EXIST: FUNDING GAPS

Missouri has the second most regressive educational funding system in the nation, with students in high poverty districts receiving nearly \$2,000 less per student than their more affluent peers.

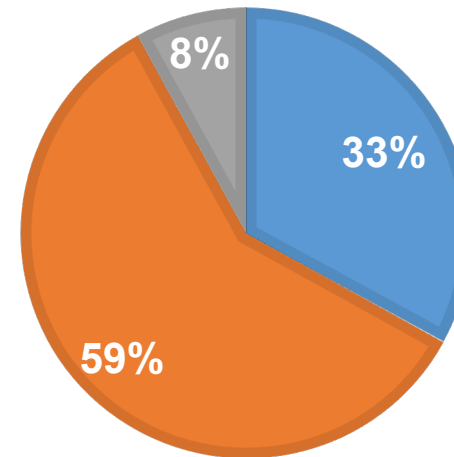
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MAJORITY WHITE VS. MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICTS

\$1,698

MORE FUNDING
RECEIVED PER
STUDENT

\$8,412

MORE SPENT PER
STUDENT IN HIGHEST
SPENDING DISTRICT

82%

OF FUNDING FROM
LOCAL SOURCES
COMPARED TO 58%



WHY WE EXIST, Cont'd: HEALTH & WELLBEING CRISIS

The New York Times

*The Students Returned, but the
Fallout From a Long
Disruption Remained*

abcNEWS

Pandemic's impact on youth mental
health 'devastating': Surgeon General

Psychology Today

The Crisis of Youth Mental
Health

EducationWeek

**A Tenuous Balance:
Supporting Students While
Pushing Their Learning
Recovery**

The Washington Post

Children's mental health badly harmed by the
pandemic. Therapy is hard to find.

EducationWeek

**Student Mental Health and
Learning Loss Continue to
Worry Principals**

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Pediatricians say the mental
health crisis among kids has
become a national emergency





MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

Missouri is facing a pediatric behavioral health crisis

The Approach: We partner with District Leadership and community members to advance SLPS's strategic work

Past...

Present...

 <p>FOCUS</p>	<p>“Students – regardless of race or income status, have access to excellent academic instruction and opportunities that prepare them for fulfilling futures.”</p>	<p>“Students should have access to schools with robust and responsive academic and socioemotional supports to get to and through post-secondary stage, with the skills and know-how to contribute meaningfully to their communities.”</p>
 <p>PRIORITIES</p>	<p>Health and Well Being, College and Career Readiness, Pre-K/Early Childhood Education, Innovative Leadership</p>	<p>Three primary investment priorities that streamline previous priorities: Health and Well-being and Post-secondary Opportunity (impacting students and families directly), and Talent Capacity (impacting educators).</p>
 <p>APPROACH</p>	<p>We support district-specified, otherwise unfunded needs with philanthropic dollars</p>	<p>We invest in proven or promising practices, and coordinate community partners to incubate, refine, and embed impactful programming that optimizes student well-being and achievement.</p>
 <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>Aiming for meaningful outcomes with our investments, regardless of our – or the district's - ability to measure or track.</p>	<p>Aiming for investments that are meaningful, measurable, scalable, and sustainable.</p>



QUESTIONS

