



# Sponsorship Update

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# Sponsorship Update: Fall 2023

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# AGENDA

1. Background on Confluence Sponsorship
2. Role of SLPS as a Sponsor
3. Cadence of Updates
4. Feedback Checklist
5. School Visits
6. Submission Calendar
7. Performance Agreement
8. Next Steps





# Background on Confluence Sponsorship

Confluence Academies in second year of five-year contract term with DESE.  
(2022-2023 through 2026-2027)

December 2022- Sponsorship Approved by Saint Louis Public Schools and  
Confluence Academies.

July 2023- Sponsorship Agreement with SLPS/ Confluence began.



# Background on Confluence Sponsorship (cont.)

**2022-2023 Enrollment Totals 10.28.2022**

Grade	Aspire	CPA*	GCAA	Old North*	South City	Total
PK	30			38	59	127
KG	22			43	87	152
01	32			45	90	167
02	18			50	76	144
03				67	88	155
04				56	71	127
05				77	79	156
06			60	49	91	200
07			72	62	69	203
08			76	54	75	205
09		135	139			274
10		148	104			252
11		76	96			172
12		46	79			125
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>2459</b>

**2023-2024 Enrollment Totals 11.7.2023**

Grade	Aspire	CPA*	GCAA	Old North*	South City	Total
PK	29			20	40	89
KG	40			37	90	167
1	25			37	92	154
2	25			43	86	154
3				52	88	140
4				59	87	146
5				51	74	125
6			51	59	81	191
7			72	40	85	197
8			76	44	64	184
9		143	108			251
10		121	110			231
11		116	97			213
12		55	77			132
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>2374</b>

\* Confluence Preparatory Academy (CPA) and Old North are designated as Comprehensive Schools.



# Role of SLPS as a Sponsor

The role of SLPS as a sponsor is one of *accountability*.

SLPS is held accountable by DESE for holding Confluence Academies accountable to goals and standards outlined in the contractual agreement.

## Sponsorship Responsibilities:

- Cadence of Updates to Confluence and SLPS Boards
- Feedback Checklist
  - Quarterly Visits
  - Submission Calendar
  - Observation of Board Meetings/ Sub-committee Meetings
    - Confluence Board: 6 members
- Performance Agreement and Annual Evaluation



# Cadence of Updates

## Updates for the Board of Confluence Academies

- Fall 2023: Launch Update (October 19, 2023)
- Spring 2024: Preliminary Feedback for Year 2 of Charter Term

## Updates for the Board of Education

- Spring 2023: Sponsorship Summary (June 13, 2023)
- Fall 2023: Launch Update (December 12, 2023)
- Summer/ Fall 2024: Annual Summary of Results



# Feedback Checklist

Thirteen Domains

Measured throughout the year through: Observations, Interviews, Document Reviews, and Assessment Data.

1. Academic Achievement
2. Data Collection, Analysis, and Maintenance
3. Curriculum
4. Plans for Student Success
5. Board Governance
6. Board Policy
7. Financial Operations
8. Facilities
9. Personnel and Payroll
10. Required Training and Drills
11. Student Enrollment and Records
12. Special Education
13. Positive Human Relations





# School Visits

SEPTEMBER: Initial Beginning of Year visits to all school

QUARTERLY: Feedback visits

- Quarter 1 (October/November): Classroom Visits and Teacher Interviews
- Quarter 2 (November/ December): Facilities Walk-throughs
- Quarter 3 (January/ February): Classroom Visits, IEP Process and Document Review, Human Resources Interviews
- Quarter 4 (March/April): Review of Curriculum, PD, Technology, Strategic Planning, and Board Leadership



# Submission Calendar

Calendar of required document submissions.

Calendar has been provided to Confluence Administration.

Submission Dates:

- July/ August- **COMPLETED**
- September – December- **COMPLETED**
- January- REVIEWED
- February
- March
- April/ May/ June



# Performance Agreement

Success-Ready Students Network (state DESE waiver):

- Confluence will still take all MAP assessments.
- Confluence will still receive an MSIP 6 APR result (for Federal purposes, including Comprehensive Status identification)
- Confluence will also receive an Alternate APR result, based on local assessments (NWEA).
- Alternate APR system will to be collaboratively developed over the next three years with DESE and other SRSN districts.

Performance Agreement updated to reflect use of Local Assessments (with a focus on all students growing).

Final Agreement to be voted on at next Confluence Board Meeting on December 14.



# Next Steps

Continued execution of Sponsorship Responsibilities.

- Executed Performance Agreement
- Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 Site visits
- Document Submissions (January-June)
- 2023-2024 Annual Report



QUESTIONS?

