



ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

An Organizational Overview & Update

Winter 2024

The SLPS Foundation

Since 1998, the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation (SLPSF) 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 \$25 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, health and wellness, and social-emotional** resources that support them to achieve their goals.



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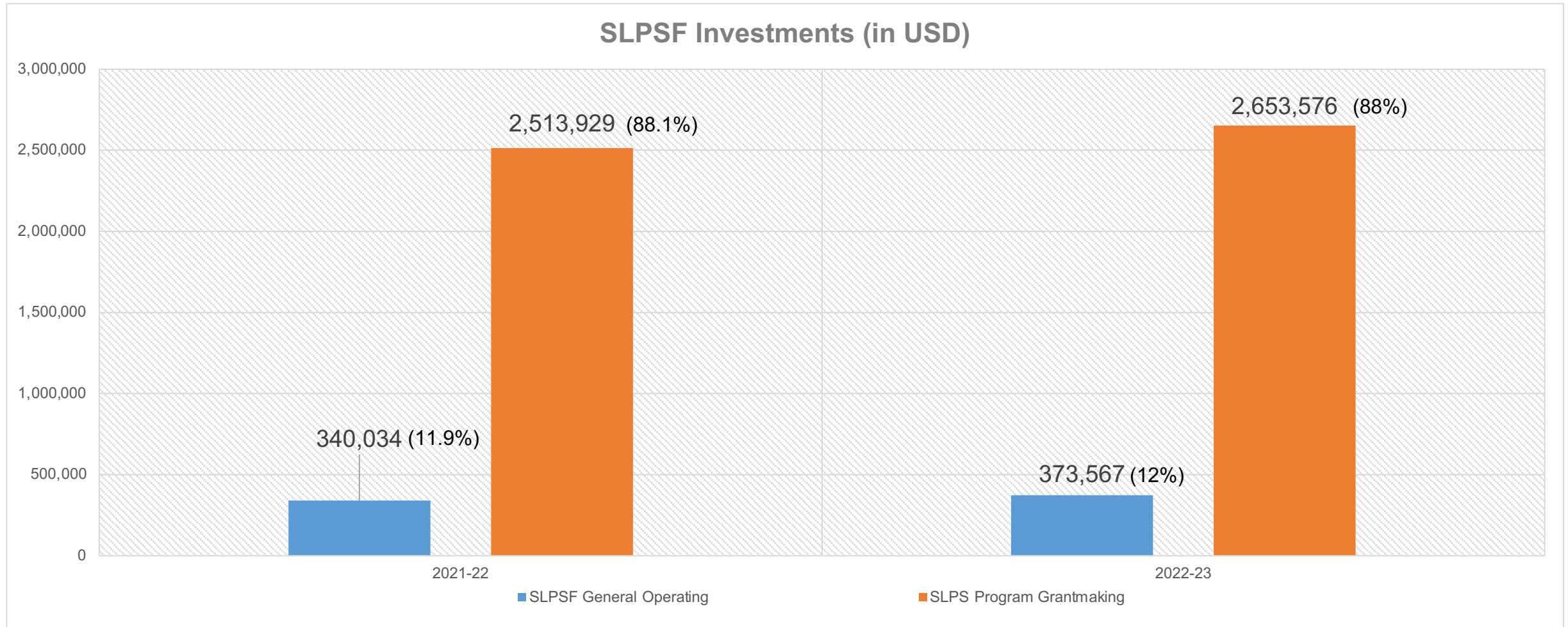
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Through Successful Partnership Work, We Will Gain

- ↑ Student Perceptions of Belonging
- ↑ Student Attendance & Engagement
- ↑ Student Reading Growth & Proficiency
- ↑ 'Gainful' Post-Secondary Placements



In 2022-23 Community Members Invested \$2.65 Million in Support of District Priorities



SLPSF: FY24 Focus Areas & Programs

PreK – 8th Grade Literacy

1. Phonics-based Reading Instruction (**Program: LETRS and Wolf Trap Training for Early Childhood Teachers**)
2. Parent Training & Support for Extended Day Reading Instruction (**Program: Jefferson Elementary**)
3. Cross-curricula Problem-based Learning (**Program: Beable**)
4. Home Libraries and Community Partnerships (**Program: Literacy for the Lou**)
5. Distributive Leadership Projects (**Program: School Leader Redesign; and New Leaders PD**)

6th – 16th Grade Post-Secondary Readiness & Opportunity

1. Middle School Goal-setting for Post-secondary (**Program: Beable**)
2. College Early Exposure Activities and Trips (**Program: 9th Grade Success Academies**)
3. Dual Enrollment Programming (**Program: Early College Academy @ STLCC and Harris Stowe**)
4. Advanced/ Dual Credit Coursework (**Program: Math/ELA Tutoring Support; AP Coursework**)
5. Internships (**Program: Learn & Earn**)
6. Scholarships

Health, Wellness, & Safety

1. Family Stability Supports (**Program: Family Stability Fund**)
2. Relationship-anchored Instruction (**Program: Teacher Training and Support at Carr Lane and Carnahan**)
3. Caseload Reduction (**Program: Therapist allocations for Yeatman, Ashland, Vashon, & Sumner**)





SLPSF: How We Think About Change

APPROACH

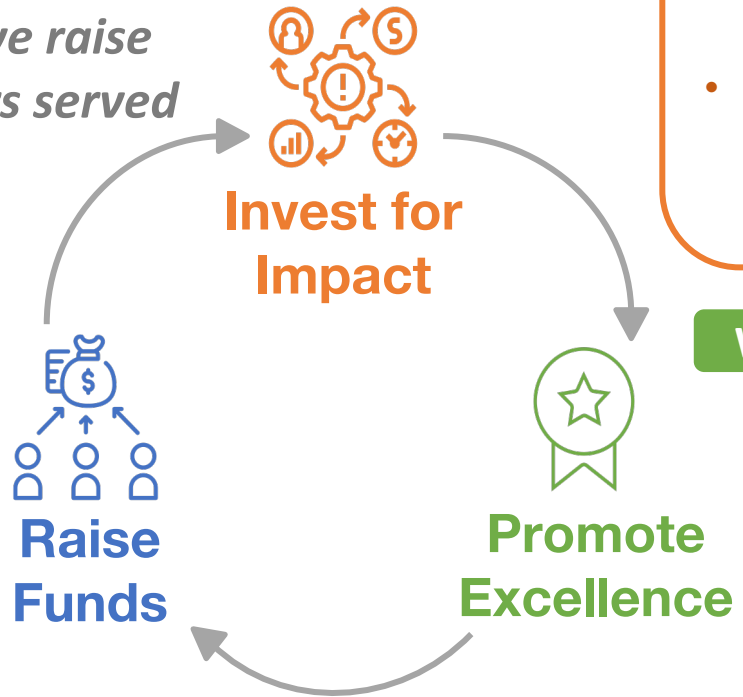
The St. Louis Public Schools Foundation employs a strategic philanthropic investment model that leverages our expertise and influence to ensure that the funds we raise drive measurable results for scholars served by St. Louis Public Schools.

We must...

- Identify, activate, and fund proven or promising strategies that accelerate positive outcomes for SLPS students.
- Foster a culture of learning and mutual accountability by regularly measuring and sharing outcomes.

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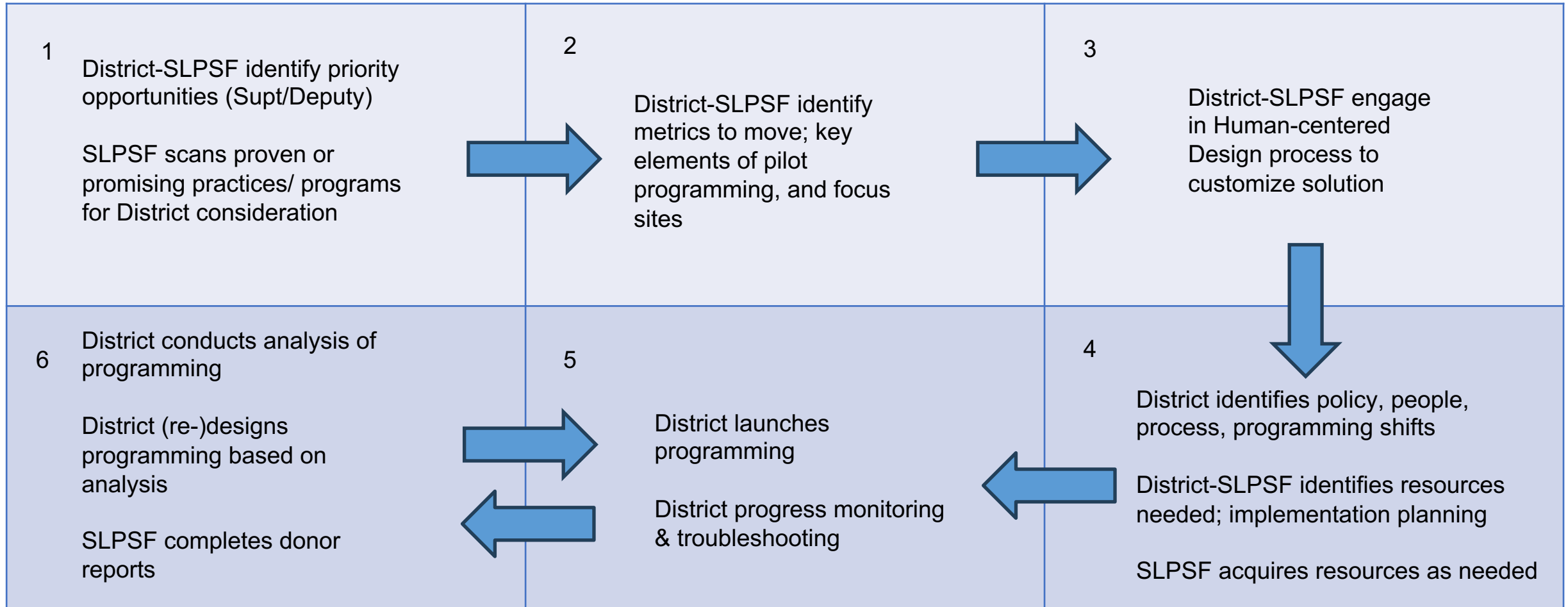
- Make the case for support of the St. Louis Public Schools within the St. Louis philanthropic community.
- Generate philanthropic support for SLPS among individuals, corporations, and foundations.



We must...

- Support SLPS to refine and embed programming solutions that work into everyday operations.
- Recognize and reward exceptional practice and results among school leaders, educators, students, and district partners.

SLPSF: Program Development & Implementation Workflow



SLPSF supports the strategic implementation of District-led initiatives funded by philanthropic dollars

All SLPSF-supported initiatives have the following components in common:

1. A District Lead
2. Theory of Action (if X, then Y statement)
3. [Metrics for Success & Scorecard](#)
4. Progress Monitoring and Reporting Plan
5. Supporting Research (to ensure efficacy of program implementation)
6. “Focus Sites” (for purposes of social equity and justice)
7. Stakeholder Input (ensuring perspectives of those with lived experiences are incorporated in program design)

Questions

