Making an IMPACT On Greater Stark County’s Students, Families, Schools and Local Communities

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In the last three years, the Stark Education Partnership secured, brokered or collaborated in raising more than $3.6M in federal, state and local funds to activate strategies that IMPACT student outcomes.
“In our work with Strengthening Stark, you see organizations that get things done...the Stark Education Partnership is a shining star in this effort. They connect, collaborate and bridge education with our efforts. Having …an organization like the Stark Education Partnership is critical in providing future talent for our businesses.”

– Ray Hexamer, CEO/President, Stark Economic Development Board
Focus Area 1 – Cradle to Kindergarten

What’s the goal?
All students kindergarten ready
**Reaching the Goal – Cradle to Kindergarten**

- **Co-found** early childhood coalition – *Great Start for Great Futures*
- **Co-plan** and host early childhood conferences
- **Coordinate** the *Transition Skills Summary (TSS)* assessment – this end of preschool data informs parents, teachers, sites and county leaders about individual & group progress in every skill area
- **Implement** an ODE early literacy grant that trains & coaches early educators on the science of reading to improve school readiness
Focus Area 2 – Kindergarten to Grade 12

What’s the goal?
All students graduate ready for college, career and life
Reaching the Goal – Kindergarten to Grade 12

- **Build** educator capacity by co-sponsoring training & coaching:
  - Problem-based learning (PBL)
  - *Making Student Thinking Visible (MSTV)* online course to drive a shift from “teacher telling” to student-centered investigation and reflection
  - High expertise teaching with research experts Dr. Jon Saphier and Deb Reed
- **Sponsor** teams of Stark leaders to visit innovative programs and practices across the country
- **Develop** student entrepreneurs with *Stark Tank* competition

850+ PARTICIPANTS TRAINED IN MSTV & PBL from Greater Stark school districts, college/universities, State Support Teams and Stark County Educational Service Center
Focus Area 3 – Degree & Certificate Attainment

What’s the goal?
Increase the number of students and adults with degrees/certificates
Reaching the Goal – Degree & Certificate Attainment

- **Train**, partially fund and support four *Ohio College Guides* at Stark’s urban high schools to increase degree credential attainment

- **Re-engage** stopped out adults close to credential/degree through two grants awarded by *Ohio C2C Network*

- **Expand** opportunities for 7-12th grade students to earn college credit by increasing high school teacher’s credentials that qualify them to teach CCP
“...College Credit Plus stands out as perhaps the most impactful and long term program we have partnered on [with SEP]...A partnership between Fairless, Stark State College, and Kent State University at Stark now means that students can earn an Associate of Arts degree without ever leaving Fairless High School."

– Michael C. Hearn, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Special Programs, Fairless Local Schools
Focus Area #4 – Research & Innovation

What’s the goal?
Research and activate innovative programs and practices with cradle-to-career partners that impact student outcomes.
How is SEP reaching the goal?

- **Drive** innovative practice – Partnered with SCESC to bring international education leader, Sir Ken Robinson, to Stark County

- **Author** white papers to expand and shift mindsets –
  1) *Never Too Early: The Importance of High Quality Early Education and Care*;
  2) *Resolving Ohio’s Testing Conundrum*;
  3) *Using a Balanced School Year to Improve Student Achievement*;
  4) *Innovation and Deeper Learning* (vol 1/vol 2);
  and 5) *Alternative Means to Show Student Growth and Learning*

- **Partner** and secure grant funds to implement innovative programs –
  $3.6M in the last 3 years
“[SEP] convenes unconventional partners in collaborative settings who co-create unparalleled and meaningful opportunities for students.”

– Joel Daniel Harris, TomTod Ideas

“The Stark Education Partnership is a key ingredient in keeping the schools in our county on the cutting edge of innovation, research, and creativity.”

– Jay Moody, Stark County ESC
EXPERTISE-BUILDING

900+
EDUCATION, AGENCY & COMMUNITY LEADERS
Attended the Sir Ken Robinson Conference

55,000+
HOURS COMPLETED OF TRAINING, COACHING & IMPLEMENTATION of PBL & MSTV High Expertise Teaching

50,000+
STUDENTS IMPACTED by the shift in Instructional Practice
Stark County 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE 92.3%
Ohio 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE 85.9%

Stark County 3,369 2020
STARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH 3+ COLLEGE CREDITS

Ohio 3,033 2019
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As we celebrate our 30th Anniversary – we are so grateful for our partners who are equally committed to high quality education for all students from prenatal to success in a chosen career. Thank you to our generous donors and to all of you who work collaboratively with us to maximize student potential.

Thank you to:
- Early Childhood Partners
- K-12 Partners
- Higher Education and Workforce Partners
- Foundations
- Business and Individual Donors
Dear Partner,

From cradle to career, the Stark Education Partnership is committed to activating innovative initiatives with our partners that positively impact students, families, schools and local communities.

We invite you to partner with us in this important work. We have enclosed a pledge card for the 2021-2023 campaign (along with an envelope for your convenience) and offer our thanks for your consideration in supporting our impactful work.

Most Sincerely,

President,
Stark Education Partnership
Name: ________________________________________________________
Company: ______________________________________________________
Address:  ________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________________

☐ Yes! Please add me to SEP’s weekly e-newsletter, Looking at the Issues.

Signature: ____________________________  Date:  ____________________

2021-23 Total Pledge:  $___________________________

If you would like to pay by CHECK, please make it out to the Stark Education Partnership. For your convenience, ELECTRONIC PAYMENT is available using the PayPal QR Code shown below, or we are happy to INVOICE you:

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