

Purpose

The purpose of the school improvement showcase is to share success stories, identify focus areas for the upcoming school year, align efforts, and inspire action toward achieving our strategic plan and vision to prepare **every** student for lifelong success!

School Improvement Showcase Highlights and Focus Areas

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Highlight No. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All children are ready for Kindergarten. ● Community education provides relevant and accessible learning opportunities for all residents. <p>Children leave the Northfield Community Education Center (NCEC) prepared for Kindergarten. Here is the data for the 2023-24 school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 88% of Early Ventures students were Kindergarten ready as determined by the PELI (nationally normed Reading Corp assessment, which also assesses math skills). 100% of Early Ventures students were Kindergarten ready in the early math inventory, as determined by the same assessment. ○ 93% of Hand in Hand Preschool students were Kindergarten ready as determined by the Hand in Hand Preschool assessment, which is approved by the Minnesota Department of Education. These students were in the green or yellow for total score. <p>The NCEC serves diverse populations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Ventures total enrollment at the end of the year - 79 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students receiving scholarship = 1% ● Students of color = 10% ● Special Education students = 10% ○ Hand in Hand Preschool total enrollment at the end of the year - 165 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students receiving scholarship = 34% ● Students of color = 32% ● Special Education students = 44% <p>NCEC PLC team #3 focused on this goal for their work. The team’s PLC SMART goals was: According to our Preschool Checklist item focused on rhyming, we will increase the percentage of students who achieve a score of 3 or higher from 49% to 70% by the end of January 2024. They reached this goal by achieving 74% with their target population.</p>
Highlight No. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All parents report satisfaction with their children’s educational experience. <p>Here are the results from the Studer Education Parent Satisfaction Survey conducted in 2023 and 2024. These scores are based on a 5 point scale.</p>

<u>Northfield Community Education Center</u>	2023	2024
1. I believe my child's learning is a high priority at this school.	4.78	4.70
2. I believe school rules are enforced consistently at this school.	4.47	4.52
3. I regularly receive feedback from school staff on how well my child is learning.	4.53	4.11
4. I am treated with respect at this school.	4.79	4.73
5. I believe my child has every opportunity to be successful at this school.	4.63	4.67
6. I believe my child has the necessary classroom supplies and equipment for effective learning.	4.68	4.70
7. I believe this school positively impacts my child's growth and development.	4.74	4.76
8. I believe this school provides a safe environment for my child to learn.	4.68	4.75
9. I believe my child is recognized for good work and behavior at this school.	4.58	4.59
10. I believe the school is clean and well maintained.	4.68	4.60
11. I believe the teachers, staff, and administration at this school demonstrate a genuine concern for my child.	4.84	4.78
12. I am proud to say I have a child at this school.	4.74	4.69
13. I receive positive phone calls, emails, or notes about my child from the school.	4.58	4.26
14. I feel comfortable approaching school administration.	4.72	4.55
15. I believe school administration make decisions that are in the best interest of children and families.	4.58	4.48
Overall Mean	4.66	4.59

Highlight No. 3

- All students are connected to the community.
- Community education provides relevant and accessible learning opportunities for all residents.

Partnerships serve an important role in meeting the needs of students, families and staff.

- From July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, the NCEC Food Shelf (operated by the Community Action Center (CAC)), has had 2,145 visits from 120 unique households. There was 80,000 pounds of food distributed from the NCEC Food Shelf this past year.
- From July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, the Early Childhood Navigators (who have office space at the NCEC), worked with 116 children ages 6 and younger from 105 families. There were a total of 3,197 interactions reported with these 105 families.

Adult Basic Education (ABE) is a Northfield Public Schools program and connects adults to many resources in the community. There was huge growth in ABE student contact hours last school year. For the school year 2023-24, ABE had an increase of 48% in student contact hours

	<p>over the previous school year. (22/23 school year= 3769.75 hrs and 23/24 = 5571.25 hrs).</p>
<p>Focus Area No. 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All children are ready for Kindergarten. ● All students exhibit physical, social, and emotional well-being. <p>The Northfield Community Education Center has been added to the district’s Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) grant for this school year and will begin to implement MTSS practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The NCEC will develop an MTSS team. This team will complete the Leading School-Level Implementation of MnMTSS training (eight-week training). ● The NCEC will inventory our Tier 1, 2 and 3 supports. ● The SSIS SEL survey will be administered for all students who are 3 - 5 years of age. This survey will be completed by district staff and/or parents.
<p>Focus Area No. 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All children are ready for Kindergarten. ● All students are connected to the community. ● All students exhibit physical, social, and emotional well-being. ● Community education provides relevant and accessible learning opportunities for all residents. <p>The NCEC will implement the following family engagement and connectedness strategies this school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Early Ventures Learning Center and Hand in Hand Preschool will provide positive contacts to students and their families. This year, 100% of students will receive two personalized, positive phone calls, emails, notes, or an individual SeeSaw message from staff members. The first contact will happen prior to October 15, 2024 and the second contact will happen prior to March 15, 2025. ● Hand in Hand Preschool and Early Ventures will have weekly and monthly communication with families through newsletters, SeeSaw and conferences. ● Hand in Hand Preschool will create and share 5 volunteer opportunities with families. ● Community Education will continue to produce a brochure three times per year. Program participation will increase 2% over last year. <p>Rounding conversations will be offered to all employees in October and April.</p>
<p>Focus Area No. 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All children are ready for Kindergarten. ● All students are connected to the community. ● All students exhibit physical, social, and emotional well-being. ● All students have a connection with a caring adult beyond their parents as they transition to middle school. ● All students have interests, goals, and a vision for the future by the end of 8th grade. ● Community education provides relevant and accessible learning opportunities for all residents. <p>Community Education and the NCEC will continue to expand program offerings in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successfully launch Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) allowing 28 students to attend Hand in Hand Preschool at no cost. ● Early Ventures will continue conversations with the School Board about how to best support childcare needs throughout the Northfield community. ● ECFE will offer a new afternoon “Baby and Me” session and expand “Drop-in and Play” opportunities. ● Birth - 3 will continue their PLC work from 2023-24. This work was around improving attendance at home visits. ● Recreation and Enrichment programming will conduct surveys on program

	<p>satisfaction following each class. Ten new program offerings will take place this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ABE will expand morning classes by one day a week and offer a driver education training in Spanish.● Community School and the Middle School Youth Center will serve 1000 students (unduplicated count) this year. In addition, a least 245 students will participate in 50+ hours of programming.
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Summary

The NCEC prioritizes having a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for students, staff, families and community members. The building has become a hub of resources for those connected to the building and those who live on the north-end of Northfield. These connections with the community have allowed the NCEC to serve a diverse population and see the desire to attend programs steadily increasing, creating waitlists for some programs.