

SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Evaluation Outcomes 2007-08



Making a Difference

In 2007-08, the 54 SUN Community Schools in operation served:

- 15,041 children and youth in ongoing enrolled classes and activities
- 2,855 adults in adult education, skill-building and school-related classes
- 91,725 people in community and family events and activities

Showing Results

Regularly participating students showed strong gains in academics, attendance and behavioral areas:

- 73% increased state benchmark scores in Reading
- 76% increased state benchmark scores in Math
- Average daily school attendance was 95%
- Improving Youth Assets & Interim Academic Outcomes:
 - 69% improved in turning in homework on time
 - 79% improved in classroom academic performance
 - 78% had a more positive attitude toward school
 - 70% improved behavior
 - 78% improved in class participation
 - 72% improved in finding alternative resolutions to problems
- 86% of students have at least one adult who cares about them and to whom they can go for help

Bringing in Community and Business Resources

- Over 41,000 volunteer hours contributed by 3,192 community and business volunteers
- Over 350 business and community partners

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

A single mom raising four children and her nephew, Maria turned to her neighborhood SUN Community School for assistance during the holidays and was connected to a variety of resources and opportunities. She joined the family support group offered at the school and taught extended-day classes to share her skills and bring in additional income. Maria also received assistance with paying her energy bills, support with job skills, and mental health resources for her nephew. Her younger children enrolled in homework assistance and enrichment classes offered through the SUN Community School. These important connections have motivated Maria to return to school and supported the family in their path towards self-sufficiency.