



ANNUAL REPORT

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THE PROMISE

The Community School Collaborative promises to provide Sleeping Giant Middle School students real-world career exploration and enrichment experiences that launch them on the pathway to a successful and fulfilling education, career and life.

*“My favorite part was the **WHOLE DAY.**”* — **SGMS Student**



The Community School Collaborative (CSC) once again brought innovative and career focused programming to the students of Sleeping Giant Middle School (SGMS) in 2021-22. After a year of modified programming due to Covid, we returned to a field-trip model based on the organization’s foundational principles. These principles include: increasing SGMS students’ connection and commitment to school and community; exposing students to a wide variety of careers; emphasizing STEAM; fostering and expanding awareness of post-secondary educational and training opportunities; and promoting life-long physical health as well as social and emotional well-being.

CSC programming strives to engage students in their education, help them envision a prosperous future and start them on the path to finding a career that resonates with them in terms of interests, skills and purpose. To better reflect the purpose of our programming, it was renamed “Cougar Career Days” (CCD). The entire student body of SGMS, approximately 320 children ranging in age from 11 to 14, participated in Cougar Career Days this year. Each grade level experienced two days of community-based workshops that included hands-on activities and career exploration. Career exploration is defined as “the process of researching, evaluating, and learning about modern work opportunities and how students can pursue the careers of their choice.”

We had some wonderful organizational successes this year. Gina Morrison, who has been a board member for the past two years, assumed the role of Executive Director of the organization. With her enthusiasm and leadership skills at the helm, CSC is well positioned to continue providing exceptional programming. The CSC Board added three new members this year: Lee Watson, Mary Pedersen, and Laurie Nelson-Knuchel. Their expertise has proven invaluable in guiding the advancement of the organization. Another accomplishment this year was upgrading our website. Checkout its fresh new look at: csc4kids.org

Our goals for the coming year include enhancing and solidifying the curriculum taught on CCDs, integrating a Customer Relationship Management system into our operations, and improving volunteer training and support.

These are exciting days for the CSC and we’re thrilled you’re along for the ride! Thanks for your continued support. We couldn’t do it without you!

Yvonne Brutger, Board President

Gina Morrison, Executive Director

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We invite you to get involved with the CSC by volunteering your time, sharing your expertise, or providing financial support.

Hours students spent making career connections in their community: 2,560



Hours volunteers spent working on behalf of students: 2,305



Total number of students who engaged with their community: 320



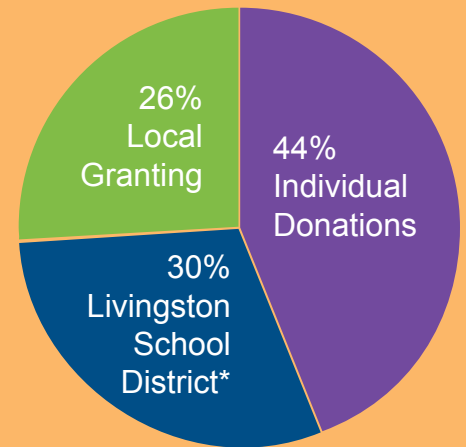
Total value of In-Kind donations: \$73,854



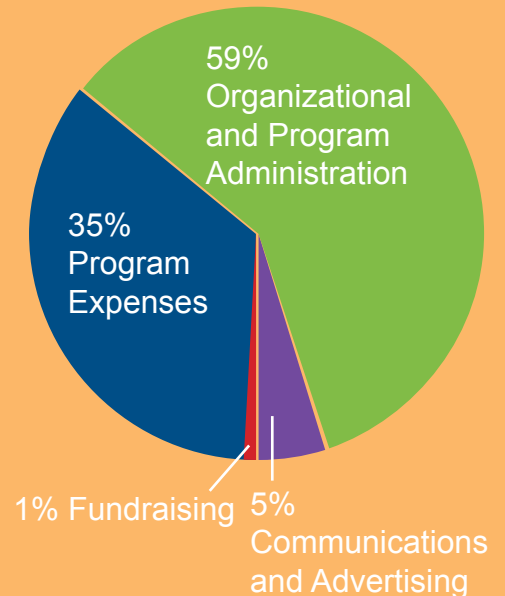
Total Community Investment in Sleeping Giant Middle School students: Priceless



Income



Expenses



*The Livingston School District supported the Cougar Career Day Program this year with In-Kind donations of teacher and staff time, facilities, printing and administrative assistance. They also provided funding from an Advanced Opportunities Grant and the Innovative Educational Program Tax Credit. The tax credit program is funded by donations from community members to the Livingston School District. These donations are eligible for a 100% tax credit. Contact us if you are interested in participating in this program.

I learned that imagination counts!
— SGMS Student

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