



All Kids Have Engaging Summers

Summer Learning Initiative
Proposal to MVLA Challenge Team

October 8th, 2015



Summer Learning Initiative -- Executive Summary

- Too many students suffer from summer learning loss
- Summer program providers can accept more students
- Proposal:
 - The Challenge Team lead an initiative to help schools and parents place more students in summer programs
 - Proposal leaders:
 - Gay Krause, Chair of the MVLA Challenge Team
 - Joe Eyre, ED, Los Altos Community Foundation
 - Julie Cates, Community Member and Education Advisor
 - District leaders from LASD, MVWSD, MVLAHSD



Why: Research Reports Huge Benefits from Engaging Summer Programs

- Prevents summer learning loss
- Builds student motivation
- Improves attendance and behavior
- Addresses student learning gaps and skills
- Encourages healthier life styles: Improved exercise, nutrition
- Keeps kids safe
- Opportunities for family/parental engagement and education

- *Source: RAND Making Summers Count*
[<http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG1120.html>]



Why: In Mountain View – Los Altos

- Many students cannot afford summer programs
 - 923 (22%) 6th-9th graders considered low income
- Too many students are below grade level
 - ~ 23% 6th-9th graders are below grade level
 - 950 below proficient in English Language Arts¹.
 - 850 below proficient in Math¹.
- At the same time, numerous program providers report unfilled slots in their summer programs

1. Based on 2013 CST data



Student Participation in Summer Learning Programs – Summer 2015

Survey of 2418 students currently in 6th – 9th grades

	MVWSD	LASD	MVLAHSD	Total
Summer Learning Program	13%	14%	15%	15%
Read at least 1 book	71%	87%	67%	75%
Practiced Math/ Science	51%	59%	47%	52%



Goal: All Kids in Engaging Summer Programs

- We can do better at recruiting and enrolling students in summer programs
 - Coordinate communication across schools, providers, parents
 - Better outreach to students & families
 - By community engagement facilitators and local organizations
- Desired Outcomes:
 - More students participate in summer programs
 - Summer programs better address student needs, aspirations
 - Longer Term: Improved student and school outcomes



Proposed Timeline to Increase Student Enrollment in Engaging Summer Programs

August-October

- **August: Scope project with MVWSD, LASD, MVLHSD**
- **Sept 10 Challenge Team meeting: Propose summer learning project**
- **Survey students in grades 6-9 on their summer activities**
- **Providers communicate goals for summer programs and available seats**

Note: "Providers" = nonprofits, city programs, libraries, etc.

November-January

- Nov 16th: Districts highlight summer program needs: target students, areas of learning, locations, Teachers, transportation support
- Providers plan their summer programs
- Districts & providers estimate how many students each can handle with their respective programs.
- Work with school outreach and community facilitators to define outreach possibilities
- Create an online directory of summer programs

February - April

- Promote summer programs to families.
- Providers report on available summer slots
- Continue parent communication to drive signups to fill open slots

July - August

- Providers report on students served
- Assess the initiative and determine directions for next school year

Budget and Resource Needs

- Initial Budget: \$10,000:
 - \$5000 grant from Los Altos Community Foundation
 - Proposed \$5000 match by MVLA Challenge Team

- Resource needs still TBD. Possible needs:
 - District data administrator time
 - Facilitators to meet with Parent Liaisons, Parents
 - Project coordinator (district person?)
 - Developer of online directory of summer programs
 - Data collection on CO programs, CO Program participation
 - Marketing materials (website, social media, flyers)



Summer Learning Initiative: Next Steps

- Challenge Team volunteers for SLI team: Karen Bricker, Greg Colanado, Judy Crates, Grace Ihn, Catherine Vonnegut
- First task is to identify local Providers and assist in collecting Provider info.
- Identifying one representative from each of 3 districts
 - Review results of the student surveys
- By Oct 26th, local Providers communicate their goals for SLI programs and available seats.
- To learn more, visit the Summer Learning Initiative section of the Challenge Team website: <http://challengeteam.org/sli.html>





Appendices

