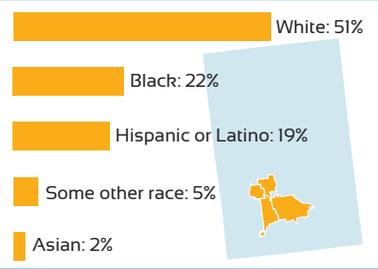




Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood

Grand Rapids, MI

Community Composition



The Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood (GRSEPN) collaboration builds on two trend-breaking shifts in the region. The first is a shift away from competition between schools and other institutions as a primary driver to achieve better outcomes. Instead, former competitors move toward stronger and more strategic collaboration of their efforts to improve student achievement. The second is a shift to replace deficit-based approaches with appreciative, strengths-based, and asset-based approaches to working with underserved students and communities. These two shifts produced positive momentum that GRSEPN builds on to implement 14 equity- and growth-focused, cradle-to-career solutions.



14
schools
in GRSEPN



20,989 children
in footprint

1,695 children
in ECE

3,719 children
in K-12



\$53,152
Median household
income



14.6%
below poverty level

Pipeline	Select Strategies
Early Childhood Education (ECE)  1,900 <i>young children and their family members are reached each year</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development improves the quality of the early childhood education teaching force. Parent education and screening processes improve services in medical care, developmental screening, and nutrition.
K-12 Education  3,710 <i>students participate in literacy- and math-driven programs each year</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Literacy Practices, from preschool through high school, create a foundation for successful learning. Essential Math Practices, math labs, and other math extensions expand student post-secondary career options.
College and Career Readiness  1,470 <i>students engage in college preparation and inspiration solutions each year</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early career exploration and middle college programming raise student aspirations and expand college and career opportunities. Dual credit opportunities give students a head-start in accessing post-secondary learning and exploring career options.
Family and Community Supports  12,000 <i>community members are reached by the opioid abuse prevention program each year</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent University supports and engages parents through English Language Learner Parent Workshops. Partners will use appreciative, strengths-based and data-informed leadership to align and leverage impact.



Innovative Strategy Spotlight

The many assets that already exist in Grand Rapids help make GRSEPN successful. Positive efforts are already in place in the neighborhood. By linking early learning, school success, career and college readiness, and parent and community supports, GRSEPN creates a complete continuum of services. Instead of inventing solutions, GRSEPN leverages existing private, local, state, and federal funding and programming to create a cohesive cradle-to-career pipeline of services.