

1084

RISING K, 1st, and 2nd  
GRADE  
SCHOLARS

4

WEEKS

5

DAYS PER  
WEEK

+1

AVERAGE MONTHS  
GAINED IN READING

90%

ADA

60

HOURS OF  
LITERACY

60

HOURS OF  
STEM ENRICHMENT

2,542

HOURS OF  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

## THE BIG LIFT

*This report presents outcomes of Big Lift Inspiring Summers - a holistic learning experience blending academics with STEM enrichment, social-emotional skill development, and community engagement.*

### Program Goals

- Create a cooperative/collaborative place of learning where we value education, everyone's culture and embrace a growth mindset
- Support vulnerable scholars' literacy development
- Provide engaging STEM enrichment experiences
- Build positive relationships between scholars, educators, and families

### Academics

Growth in literacy skills are important indicators of student success and are measured via pre-and post-program assessments.

+1 average reading gains in months

### Growth Mindset

Scholars develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work.

- 90% of parents reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges
- 95% of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset

### Self-Confidence

Self Confidence is the key to scholars' success in school, college, and their careers.

- 91% of parents reported an increase in their child's confidence
- 94% of teachers reported an increase in scholars' confidence
- 92% of parents reported their child having a more positive attitude about school

### Professional Development

Big Lift Inspiring Summers empowered educators with 21st Century instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school year.

- 89% of teachers said Big Lift Inspiring Summers developed their professional skills
- 96% of teachers said teaching in the Big Lift Inspiring Summers program was rewarding
- 98% of teachers would recommend Big Lift Inspiring Summers to parents

### Family Engagement

Weekly reports and events engaged parents and caregivers in their child's education.

- 88% of parents became more involved in their child's education
- 98% of parents were highly-satisfied with the Big Lift Inspiring Summers program
- 98% of parents would recommend Big Lift Inspiring Summers to other parents

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### Enrichment

Enrichment courses were designed to foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose scholars to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths. Scholars rotated through the following courses:

- Force and Friction
- Math All Around
- Fairy Tale Engineering
- Yoga & Mindfulness
- Robotics with Dash and Dot
- Creative Chemistry

**“I’d teach this program year-round if I could.”**

Inspiring Summers Educator

**“My favorite activity at Big Lift was reading! I really love to read now!”**

Inspiring Summers Scholar



### Community Experiences

Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing scholars to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased tolerance and critical-thinking skills. Experiences included:

- Guest Speakers
- Rigamajig & Imagination Playground
- Petting Zoo
- Family Literacy and Technology Workshops



### School Partners

- Cabrillo Unified School District
- La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District
- Redwood City School District
- South San Francisco Unified School District
- Jefferson Elementary School District
- Ravenswood City School District
- San Bruno Park School District



### Community Partners

- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Partners of the Big Lift
- Children's Discovery Museum



### Financial Supporters

- Measure K
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