

# **SUN** SUN Community School Profile 2015

# **Gordon Russell Middle School**

Lead Agency: Metropolitan Family Services

# Service Area & Target Groups/Focus

Children, adults and families who are homeless, living in poverty and/or at risk of academic failure – primarily from school neighborhood, but services are open to anyone.

School Population: 737 students; Grades 6-8; 55% Free and Reduced Lunch; 41% Students of Color (African American 4%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 2%, Hispanic 29%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 5%, White 59%)

# Core Services

## **Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)**

#### **Academic Support**

Grade-Level Homework Support

#### **Enrichment**

Architecture Lego Robotics The Science of Soccer Strategic Games

#### **Mentoring**

High School Tutors assist in Drop-In Homework Club, Dance Team, and SUN Summer Camp

#### Recreation

Dance Team Wrestling Soccer Team Basketball Open Gym

#### Youth Leadership/Involvement

Oregon Battle of the Books

## **Summer Programs**

**SUN Summer Camp** 

#### **Empowerment/Skill-Building**

#### **Adult Education**

Strengthening Families: Lifeworks NW
Family Empowerment: GGAPP
Parent Child Development
Services: Mt. Hood
Community College

### **Community/Cultural Events**

SUN Heath and Wellness Fair

## Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide Parent Meetings & Activities Family Activities: SUN Health & Wellness Fair, Strengthening Families; Zumba; Invention Convention; Family STEM Night

## Case Management & Skill Building

Rental/Transitional Housing Assistance: Human Solutions Holiday Toy Drive: Metropolitan Family Service

## System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students and families with services; development of referral system SUN CS Advisory Body (school staff, parents, students, and partner agencies)

Partner Meetings

Student Staffing Meetings

Site Management in Out-of-School Time

Partner and Resource Development

6 Community Agency Partners 10 Business Partners 337.3 volunteer hours contributed \$74,337 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

# **Evaluation**

## **Outputs**

### 310 youth served

38% students of color 85% identified as being "at risk of academic failure" 67% qualified for free and reduced lunch

II adults served

#### **Outcomes**

78% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading \*64% of students increased benchmark scores in Math \*Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 85%

\*due to changes in state testing these numbers are not available for this year

## **SUN Spotlight**

This past summer, Gordon Russell Middle School combined programming with other Gresham-Barlow middle schools to offer two different experiences for students.

One of the new STEM classes GRMS SUN is offering is a new Architecture class. We are sponsored by Infinity Images.

Architecture class introduces students to the art and science of building design. Through hands-on, interactive activities, including modeling their designs in 3-D with foam core or cardboard, students learn the properties of building materials, the concerns and considerations of choosing a site, and how to design a building to suit both the building's use and its surroundings.



