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Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

Minnesota Youth Coordinating Board 2008 Legislative Priorities

The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting the healthy, comprehensive development of Minneapolis children and youth through collaborative action and policy alignment.

Established in 1986 the YCB is a collaborative effort of the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. The YCB is governed by a thirteen member board of elected officials representing the city, county and school; board as well as the Minneapolis legislative delegation and the Fourth Judicial District.

The YCB has developed programs that have been implemented by its partners and has authored several policy initiatives including a children and youth agenda and a priority focus on out-of-school time. In 2007 the YCB developed a legislative agenda. For the 2008 Minnesota legislative session the YCB is proposing a legislative agenda that will assist its partners in implementing the goals of the YCB which aim to have all Minneapolis children and youth:

- entering kindergarten ready to learn
- succeeding in school .
- having access to quality out of school opportunities

YCB's 2008 legislative priorities include:

- State resources and needed enabling authority to implement the "Blueprint for Action: Preventing Youth Violence in Minneapolis"
- Continue support for early childhood programs.
 - Early Childhood Family Education
 - Four-year-old Kindergarten programs
 - Expanded opportunity for Full-day Kindergarten or Extended-year Kindergarten
- Closing the achievement gap among students
- Continued support for additional state investments in the basic general education formula, Special Education, Compensatory, and Limited English Proficiency Revenue while supporting the PS Minnesota Coalition's work to reform the entire K-12 Finance system
- Greater health care access for children and families
- Continued support for the local summer youth employment programs.
- Resources to provide after school learning, fitness and recreation programs.