

Updates + Priorities

August, 2020

**NEW
SCHOOL
SAN FRANCISCO**



content

- current priorities
- response to COVID-related needs
- middle school launch updates
- budget + fundraising
- appendix

progress

Winter, 2020:

- unanimously re-authorized by the CA State Board of Education and approved to expand into grades 6-8
- unanimously approved to preference families eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (up to 50%)

Spring:

- secured a \$600,000 grant from Silicon Schools Foundation
- facility for the 2020-21 year confirmed: North Beach
- school site closed due to COVID and distance learning began within 72 hours
- 98% retention of current families, even with a move
- 71% acceptance rate thus far (740 applications for K-6)

Summer:

- secured a \$750,000 grant from the William K. Bowes, Jr. Foundation and a \$300,000 grant from Brenda & Bill Younger
- Plan developed for a hybrid model for the 2020-21 school year





current priorities

- support our students, staff and families through crisis
- mitigate learning loss and ensure social emotional and academic growth
- launch our middle school
- welcome a more diverse community
- raise \$1 million by Oct 30th to ensure financial flexibility and security

responding to COVID

strategies

students	families	staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• daily connections with the class• check-ins with a teacher at least once per week• art therapy, social groups and/or movement therapy for kids that are struggling• Special Education services offered virtually• ‘flexible Fridays’ where there is no new content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• computers and wifi to all families without it• monthly food gift cards to all low-income families• COVID assistance fund to request support (up to \$750 per month)• transparent and frequent communication from the school• workshops to support children at home (i.e. exploring grief and loss)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• full pay for all employees• flexible schedules for working parents• weekly meetings and PD• COVID assistance fund to request additional support (up to \$750 per month)

impact of COVID

	strategies to mitigate + address	financial impact
students' academic regression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide intensive summer programming (4 weeks) for vulnerable students• increase academic intervention supports for the 2020-21 school year• ensure there is technology in all homes to support learning/ access	<p>\$390,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● \$20,000 - summer program● \$200,00 – increased staffing● \$100,000 – family & staff assistance fund● \$20,000 – health supplies & additional curricular resources● \$50,000 - technology
increased social-emotional needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide intensive summer programming (4 weeks) for vulnerable student• hire a school psychologist• provide additional therapeutic support to students	
reduction in CA State funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• it's still unclear how state funding will be impacted, but we know for certain we won't see the 2.55% LCFF increase we were expecting• to be conservative, we are planning for a loss of 7% in state funding	<p>\$799,257</p>

middle school launch

timeline

Sept '18 – May, '19

June '19 – Jan '20

Feb '20 – July '20

August

Phase I: DESIGN

- Launch Design team
- School visits
- School leader interviews
- Family & student focus groups
- Research insights
- Drafting the petition

Phase 2: AUTHORIZATION

- District cultivation
- SFUSD renewal
- State Board appeal

Phase 3: PLANNING + BUILDING

- Hire
- Build curriculum
- Develop advisory program
- Develop elective program
- Build the schedule
- Determine sports program
- Recruit students
- Raise money

LAUNCH

We kick-off the year with an incredibly prepared founding team, an inspiring curriculum and high energy!



enrollment projections

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
K-5	288	288	288
6th Grade	60	60	60
7th Grade		60	60
8th Grade			60
Total Enrollment	348	408	468

demographics

- 50% Free/Reduced Price Lunch eligible
- 10% African American
- 30% Latinx
- 20% Asian / Pacific Islander
- 30% White
- 10% Mixed Race / Other
- 20% English Learners
- 20% Special Education Plan



why middle school?

1 13-year commitment to students & families. Research shows consistent, personalized, student-centered & inclusive approaches are the most effective way to narrow the opportunity gap -- and that takes time.

3 Stability for families. SFUSD's eight K-8 schools received 596 more applications than they had spots for. Attrition in SFUSD is the highest from 5th to 6th grade. Eliminating transitions benefits all kids, especially those facing barriers to success.

2 Continuity. Families choose NSSF because their children need a different model. There is no highly personalized, inclusive, inquiry-based public middle school in SF. Many of our students will struggle transitioning to a more traditional model.

4 Families need better options. The four middle schools closest to our current location -- and where the majority of our families live -- are all underperforming both the city and state's outcomes..

8th grade graduates will...

Academically thriving students

- Be competitive for any high school
- Have **mastery of core content** (including algebra)
- Have a robust portfolio of work highlighting their strengths + interests

Self-reflective individuals

- **Know their learning profile** and be able to articulate strengths and growth areas + supports they need to be successful
- Have a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves + the skin they are in

Creative problem-solvers

- Have tools and skills to **solve complex challenges** both independently and collaboratively

Lifelong learners

- Feel confident in their strengths as a learner and **inspired to pursue interests** and passions further

Agents of positive social change

- Be inspired to continue asking questions and working to **ensure greater equity** in our community + world

middle schoolers need

- Safe spaces that promote **self-discovery** and build **self-confidence**
- **Collaborative and supportive social environments** for productive peer engagement
- Dedicated programming for **mindful practices and self-reflection**
- Learning with **real-world relevance**
- **A holistic plan** for sex-ed and physical development



our approach is unique and delivers:

Real-world, inquiry-based learning that

Promotes deeper learning

Prioritizes Next Generation Science

Standards + CA Social Studies Framework

Integrates content

Brings student learning into the real world

Social justice + equity focus that

Gives students opportunities to grow their understanding of social justice

Allows exploration of identity, race, class, power & privilege

Inspires students to make change in our community

Rigorous + personalized content that

Provides each child with an Individualized Learning Plan

Ensures appropriate interventions for students' needs

Grows students' capacity to be inspired readers, writers, and mathematicians

Space to develop self + community that

Focuses on looking inward

Helps students form a strong sense of self

Builds authentic and lasting relationships with peers and adults

Chances to explore + identify passions that

Offer a variety of specials & clubs

Encourages students to take leadership roles within the community

Connects students to adults who are masters of their craft

budget + fundraising

measures of success:

Year 1 2020-21	Year 2 2021-22	Year 3 2022-23
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 348 students enrolled• 25% students eligible for FRPL• secure our long-term home• 1-2 additional board members | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 408 students enrolled• 30% students eligible for FRPL• petition for high school expansion completed• 1-2 additional board members | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 468 students enrolled• 35% students eligible for FRPL• high school expansion approved• cost per student for K-8 is \$12,500 |
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95% student + family retention

85% staff retention

CAASPP data exceeds SFUSD for all sub-groups

5% budget variance

fundraising needs

K-5 programmatic expenses	\$1,728,000	\$576,000 / year -- \$2,000 per child above state funding
middle school expansion	\$1,200,000	\$600,000 in year 1; \$400,000 in year 2; \$200,000 in year 3
high school planning	\$85,000	consultants to support program design, legal fees + marketing
transportation	\$750,000	NSSF to subsidize busing at a rate of \$250,000 / year for 3 years while in North Beach
COVID-19 Response Fund	\$390,000	(summer programming, additional staffing, technology, resources and family / staff assistance fund)
decrease in CA State Funding	\$799,257	assumes a 7% decrease in state funding over the next 3 years
3-year fundraising goal	\$5,000,000	

fundraising progress

3-year fundraising goal: \$5 million

Committed funds

William K. Bowes, Jr. Foundation	\$750,000
Silicon Schools Fund	\$600,000
Paycheck Protection Program	\$590,000
Brenda & Bill Younger	\$300,000
Charter Schools Growth Fund	\$180,000
NewSchools Venture Fund	\$115,000

\$2,535,000

Likely donations

Family contributions*	\$600,000
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**our Annual Fund raises approximately \$300K/ year*

\$600,000

gap to goal: \$1,865,000