



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Ms. Priscilla Little
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Dear Priscilla:

It is with great pleasure that I pledge the full support of the Office of the Mayor and the City of Saint Paul to this request for support from The Wallace Foundation on behalf of Sprockets, Saint Paul's citywide out-of-school-time network.

As Mayor, I have been committed to improving educational opportunities for all Saint Paul youth since I first took office. The Sprockets network was created through the dedicated effort of citizens, educators, the City, the Saint Paul School District and community organizations. We have put in place all the foundational elements of a strong and effective out-of-school-time network. Yet we know there is much to be done to realize the full potential of our out-of-school-time programs to improve educational, social and emotional outcomes for youth.

As part of the City of Saint Paul's contribution to this grant, I am committed to providing the in-kind support of staff for the three-year duration of the grant. Recognizing that this time represents new effort dedicated to this project, staff has conservatively estimated the following:

Director of Sprockets, Kari Denissen Cunnien: 20 percent or \$45,466
Youth Work Project Manager Catherine Penkert: 9 percent or \$17,636
Education Policy Director Jane Eastwood: 3 percent or \$8,397
Library Director Kit Hadley: 1 percent or \$4,000
Parks Deputy Director Kathy Korum: 1 percent or \$3,500

I believe Saint Paul has the essential leadership, broad-based commitment, expertise and will to make Sprockets truly a model for citywide out-of-school-time learning networks. I hope The Wallace Foundation will agree and will help us expand and improve what we've begun to make Sprockets an even more valuable educational resource for our children.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor