



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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Dear Colleagues:

Please accept this as an expression of my support for SPNN's effort to expand quality out-of-school time opportunities for young people in Saint Paul through the Best Buy Teen Technology Center initiative.

SPNN has been a collaborator and partner with the City of Saint Paul since its creation in the mid-1980s as a non-profit community public access television center. In recent years, its expanded youth media programs and AmeriCorps community technology program have supported the City's efforts to provide educational opportunities for all our citizens, young and old. In addition, the media they create reflects the creativity and diversity of our communities in Saint Paul.

Closing Saint Paul's achievement gap through quality out-of-school time opportunities for all students has been a high priority of mine for the past six years. Saint Paul Sprockets, a comprehensive network of program options, is creating a menu of high quality after-school and summer learning experiences designed to reinforce the more formal learning during the school day. A Best Buy Teen Technology Center in partnership with SPNN would be part of this important initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor