



## CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Saint Paul Public Schools  
Valeria Silva  
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Dear Superintendent Silva:

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Saint Paul Public School's application to the 2013 Magnet School Assistance Program.

As Mayor of Saint Paul, I see a great need for skilled engineering professionals in the workplace. To ensure that Saint Paul develops students with engineering and other science-related skills, I support of the district's application to create a K-12 pathway from middle school to high school in these content areas. Saint Paul Public School's approach prepares students to enter the workforce equipped with real-world experiences and backed by a curriculum rooted in academic rigor. Their plan will ensure that students are well-prepared to go to work in companies like Cray or 3M.

I am committed to the success of this project and know that Saint Paul Public Schools is, too. The proposed project is a critical part of the district's *Strong Schools, Strong Communities* (SSSC) initiative, which is designed to improve achievement in all district schools. Key objectives of the SSSC initiative include creating a better balance of community and magnet schools; offering fewer but more-focused magnet school options; and providing all students with a clear and coherent academic pathway from for its youngest learners through graduation.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor