



STATEMENT from PCYC - August 14, 2023

Bright Futures K-5 Enrichment at PCYC Pauses Programming for the '23-'24 School Year

PCYC has made the difficult decision to pause its Bright Futures K-5 academic and enrichment programming for the 2023-2024 school year. Bright Futures provides free after-school and full-day summer programming to K-5 youth who live or attend school in North Minneapolis.

PCYC's K-5 programs have been central to the agency's mission since its inception, 69 years ago. While PCYC has maintained a variety of K-5 funding sources throughout the years, the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) has been the primary funder of Bright Futures since 2012 when PCYC became one of NAZ's founding educational partners. Regrettably, NAZ has notified PCYC that they will not renew their contract following the conclusion of the 2023 summer program. With the loss of this significant partnership and primary funding source, the agency is unable to continue to operate the program at this time.

We know this will create a void for the children and families the program serves, the dedicated Bright Futures staff members, and the PCYC community. Right now, PCYC staff are working with scholars and families to find alternative after-school resources for the school year. Efforts to continue programming of some kind, and to maintain important family and scholar relationships during this interim time, are in progress as well.

"We are going to take this time to reflect and talk with Bright Futures families and the broader community about what will best serve their needs. We expect to re-launch an even more robust, enriching program for our young people," said PCYC Executive Director, Melissa Denton.

In the meantime, PCYC will continue to serve middle school and high school-age youth through its ongoing programs:

- PYC Arts and Technology High School
- Capri Best Buy Teen Tech Center
- Capri After School Theater (CAST)
- Summer Camp Capri
- Camp Capri Third Saturdays

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