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FACT SHEET

FARNSWORTH AEROSPACE ELEMENTARY EXPANDS ITS MISSION TO 8TH GRADE

Soaring Test Scores

Farnsworth Aerospace PreK - 6th grade is closing the achievement gap. The test scores have repeatedly been above both the state and district averages.

Farnsworth is recognized by Government, Academia and Business Community for Closing the Achievement Gap

Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet has earned numerous awards in recognition of high student achievement and for closing the achievement gap from the MN Business Partnership, the MN Academic Excellence Foundation, the US Department of Education, the Saint Paul Public Schools, the National Title I Conference, and the National Urban Council.

Cleveland facing mandatory restructuring under NCLB act

Cleveland Jr. High was facing continuous declining enrollment and was failing to make adequate yearly progress on the MCA tests which it meant it was going to face mandatory restructuring.

Farnsworth Parents organize a PreK-8 Expansion Initiative

September of 2007, the PreK - 8th Grade Parent Initiative was formed. They worked with Dr. Vincent and the SPPS administration to make their vision of expanding their school from PreK-6 to PreK-8 a reality.

School District moves to expand Farnsworth into Cleveland Building creating second Farnsworth campus for grades 5-8

The district decided to have the highly popular, high achieving Farnsworth Aerospace expand to the 8th grade. It will be one school with two campuses. The PreK through fourth grades will be housed in the existing Farnsworth building. Fifth through eighth grades will be housed in the Cleveland building, less than a mile away. This two campus school will have one principal, Dr. Troy Vincent.

Johnson High School creates Engineering and Aerospace Academy to attract Farnsworth Students

Now Johnson High School, across the street from the PreK-4, will be continuing the aerospace focus by offering an Engineering and Aerospace Academy beginning the Fall of 2010. On the East Side of St. Paul, a student can experience a PreK - 12th grade aerospace experience all within a mile of the schools.

Farnsworth is recognized by Ramsey County Commissioner's Office and St. Paul City Council member for it's positive impact on the community

March 2009, Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough and St. Paul City Council Member Dan Bostrom, both lifetime East Siders, issue a proclamation recognizing Farnsworth for its efforts and positive impact in revitalizing the East Side of St. Paul.