



Higher Expectations

Propelling students forward.

A Great Place for Saint Paul Kids

At 30K, we offer hands-on, project-based experiences enriched with arts and culture to engage students in ways that traditional teaching often misses. Our mission is to inspire African American youth, fostering their self-confidence and helping them recognize their boundless potential.

We empower our students through a dynamic blend of culture, art, technology, and social justice. Since 2013, our experiential learning model has helped over 2,000 young individuals in Saint Paul unlock their full potential.

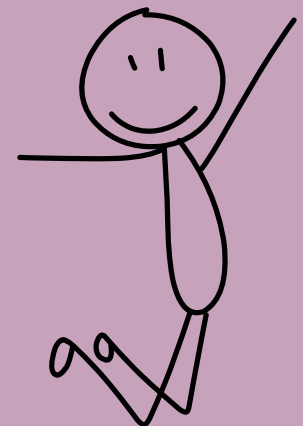
We are presenting bonding, legacy, and workforce bills this year, with the goal of establishing 30K as a hub for educational and vocational experiences for the youth of Saint Paul.

Our Core Programs

- After school academic support program provides students with small group tutoring where they are regularly assessed.
- Art residencies where aspiring artists are connected with professional artists to improve and hire their talent.
- Tech Geeks introduces teens to computer science through practical tech education leading to job opportunities.

A Program That Works

- Average increase in student GPA: 64%
- Average decrease in school suspensions: 52%
- Average increase in improved school attendance: 74%
- Average number of "Tech Geeks" jobs going to teens with a criminal record: 50%
- Increase in tech career placements: 50%
- Number of participants that reported improved social-emotional learning skills: 78%





YOUTH. CULTURE. EMPOWERMENT.

Workforce Development

Rep. Hollins/Sen. Hawj
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30,000 Feet is requesting \$400,000 in FY26 and FY27 to fund youth apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services, after-school programming, and summer learning loss prevention efforts targeted at African American Youth.

- **Youth Employment Programs:** 30,000 Feet offers workforce development programs targeting youth aged 16-24. These programs aim to provide job training, internships, and employment opportunities to help young people gain valuable work experience and skills.
- **Partnerships with Local Businesses:** The organization collaborates with local businesses and public institutions to secure resources and create job opportunities for students. These partnerships are crucial for providing real-world work experiences and helping students transition into the workforce.
- **Tech Career Placement:** A significant focus of 30,000 Feet's workforce development efforts is on placing students in tech-related jobs. They aim to increase the number of tech career placements for African American youth.
- **Support Services:** To ensure the success of their workforce development programs, 30,000 Feet provides support services such as mentorship, career counseling, and job readiness training. These services help students develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed in the workforce.
- **Measurement and Evaluation:** 30,000 Feet uses student progress reports, parent surveys, and third-party research evaluations to measure the success of their programs. This data helps them continuously improve their workforce development initiatives and demonstrate their impact to stakeholders.

30,000 Feet is committed to creating boundless learning opportunities and shaping a vibrant cultural community for youth. Their dedication to workforce development is a key part of their mission to empower the next generation of change-makers.

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