

**Grant Proposal: ABC Network of Schools**  
**Submitted to: The Opportunity Trust (TOT)**  
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## **I. Organization Overview**

ABC Network of Schools is a mission-driven network committed to ensuring all students receive a high-quality education that prepares them for college, career, and beyond. We prioritize character development, SEL, targeted interventions, and professional development to drive student achievement. Our request for funding aligns with our commitment to improving instructional effectiveness and student outcomes through evidence-based strategies.

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## **II. Grant Request Summary**

### **Total Amount Requested: \$150,000**

ABC Network of Schools requests funding to support three key initiatives that will enhance student learning and instructional quality:

1. Establishing Weekly Data Meetings and a Three-Times-Per-Year Interim Assessment Cycle - \$40,000
2. Leveraging the St. Louis Teacher Fellowship for Two Co-Teachers (Math and ELA) - \$80,000
3. Implementing Lavinia Group Summer School Program - \$30,000

All three strategies above will lead to the following increased academic achievement for ABC students.

### **Student Outcome Goals:**

- We will go from 33% of students proficient in ELA and Math to 40% on the 2026 MAP assessment.
- We will go from 50% of students meeting their interim NWEA growth targets to 70% in ELA and math.

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### **III. Proposed Initiatives**

#### **1. Data-Driven Instruction: Weekly Data Meetings & Interim Assessments (\$40,000)**

To improve student achievement, we seek to implement structured weekly data meetings in ELA and Math, along with a three-times-per-year interim assessment cycle for all subjects. This funding will allow us to hire a capacity builder who will:

- Train school leaders and teachers on best practices for data-driven instruction.
- Support schools in establishing effective data review systems.
- Ensure alignment between assessment data and instructional strategies.

#### **Impact:**

- Improved student mastery through real-time data analysis.
- Increased teacher effectiveness in using assessment results to adjust instruction.
- Strengthened school-wide culture of continuous improvement.
- 100% of teachers will be engaged in the interim data cycle and meet all expectations.
- 100% of math and ELA teachers will be engaged in weekly data meetings and meet all expectations.

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#### **2. Teacher Fellowship: Funding Two Co-Teachers for Math & ELA (\$80,000)**

We aim to leverage the St. Louis Teacher Fellowship by funding two co-teachers—one for a Math class and one for an ELA class. This initiative will:

- Provide additional instructional support in high-need classrooms.
- Allow for small group instruction and targeted intervention.
- Offer professional development opportunities for emerging educators.

#### **Impact:**

- Increased student engagement and personalized learning experiences.
- Strengthened instructional capacity within core subjects.
- Creation of a pipeline for future lead teachers.
- See above goals.
- Co-teachers will meet baseline teacher proficiency (score 2.5 or higher) based upon our teacher effectiveness rubric by March 2026.

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### **3. High-Quality Summer Learning: Lavinia Group Summer School (\$30,000)**

ABC Network of Schools seeks to implement a Lavinia Group Summer School Program to provide students with targeted academic support and prevent summer learning loss. Funding will cover :

- Curriculum and instructional materials.
- Teacher training and professional development.
- Program operations and logistics.

#### **Impact:**

- Accelerated learning for students most at risk of falling behind.
- High-quality, research-based instructional strategies.
- Increased readiness for the upcoming academic year.
- See student outcome goals above.

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## **VI. Conclusion**

ABC Network of Schools is committed to leveraging this funding to drive meaningful improvements in student learning outcomes. We appreciate TOT's consideration of our proposal and look forward to a partnership that fosters educational excellence.

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