



February 16, 2021

TO: Education Committee Members

RE: Support for the Dreamline Program of The Sanneh Foundation

Dear Members of the Minnesota State Legislature:

My name is Christine Osorio and I am the Superintendent for School District 622 (ISD 622) in North Saint Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale. I am writing in strong support of the Dreamline program, developed and delivered by The Sanneh Foundation (Sanneh).

ISD 622 began its partnership with Sanneh in 2021 to deliver Dreamline in North High School and Tartan High School. Dreamline supports our students and teachers by providing a diverse team of Coaches who build crucial developmental relationships with students. Coaches increase students' engagement in school and enhance students' learning experience by developing the social, emotional, and academic competencies critical to learning and healthy growth.

Our District selected Dreamline because of the program's ability to help meet our goal of equitable learning environments for all students. Sanneh recruited and trained a racially- and culturally-diverse group of tutors/mentors who share similar backgrounds and experiences with our student populations. Dreamline Coaches affirm the assets of our students and understand their cultures, values, and lived experiences. Furthermore, Dreamline Coaches support our teachers by strengthening practices that promote equity and actively drive student engagement, course work completion, and goal setting for academic success.

The Dreamline program's model of building culturally-responsive developmental relationships increased Tartan and North High School's ability to support students and families who have struggled to adapt to the barriers presented by COVID-19 and distance learning.

Teachers in my schools have provided feedback on the Dreamline program such as, "They [Dreamline Coaches] worked really hard to find students that were not engaged in school. Not only did they find them they were able to bring them in for



additional support.” I know this program is helping our students engage in school and get the support they need to achieve.

Please support funding for Dreamline and this bill to keep Dreamline Coaches in our schools and to pave the way for Dreamline to expand into new districts. All schools and students need a partner like Sanneh, a partner who targets supports where needed and works to empower students to take charge of their own social, emotional, and academic development.

Warm Regards,

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