This report presents outcomes of Big Lift Inspiring Summers, a holistic learning experience that blends academics with enrichment and social emotional learning.

**Program Goals**
- Increase literacy skills
- Strengthen social-emotional learning and wellness
- Increase parental engagement
- Prevent summer-learning-loss, and acclimate scholars to routines and curricula

**Academics**
Literacy skills gains are an important indicator of scholar success, and are measured via pre and post assessments.

+1.5 average reading gains in months

**Growth Mindset**
Scholars believe their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work, fostering a love of learning.

87% of parents reported improved abilities to overcome challenges
92% of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset

**Self-Confidence**
An integral element that affects every aspect of scholars’ goals.

89% of parents reported an increase in their child’s confidence
93% of teachers reported an increase in scholars’ confidence
90% of parents reported their child having a more positive attitude about school

**Professional Development**
Inspiring Summers empowered educators with 21st century instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school-year.

98% of teachers said Inspiring Summers developed their professional skills
98% of teachers said Inspiring Summers was rewarding
99% of teachers would recommend Inspiring Summers to parents

**Parent Engagement**
Weekly reports and events engaged parents in their child’s education.

86% of parents became more involved in their child’s education
97% of parents were highly satisfied with Inspiring Summers
99% of parents would recommend Inspiring Summers to other parents

Source: BELL 2018 STAR assessments and stakeholder surveys
“This is a great example of how the summer program can help rising kindergarteners transition to school and prepare them for a better school year.”
- Inspiring Summers Educator

Enrichment

Enrichment courses were designed to foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose scholars to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths. Scholars rotated through the following courses:

- STEM
- Yoga and Mindfulness
- Robotics
- Fairytale Engineering
- LookMobile
- BookMobile
- Imagination Playground

School Partners

- Cabrillo Unified School District
- Jefferson Elementary School District
- La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District
- Ravenswood City School District
- Redwood City Elementary School District
- San Bruno Park School District
- South San Francisco Unified School District

Community Partners

- San Mateo County Libraries
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Bay Area Discovery Museum

Financial Supporters

- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- Measure K
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- San Mateo County Office of Education