This report presents outcomes of Big Lift Inspiring Summers - a holistic learning experience blending academics with enrichment, social-emotional skill development, and community engagement.

Program Goals

- Create a cooperative/collaborative place of learning where we value education, everyone's culture and embrace a growth mindset
- Engage and develop highly trained teachers
- Improve scholar outcomes in Literacy and SEL
- Create high expectations so students can excel
- Provide engaging experiences for families and scholars

Academics

Growth in literacy skills is an important indicator of student success and is measured via pre-and post-program assessments.

+1.5 average reading gains in months

Growth Mindset

Scholars develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work.

71% of parents reported an increase in their eagerness to learn
100% of teachers reported an increase in scholars' confidence
43% of parents reported their child having a more positive attitude about school

Professional Development

BellXcel empowered educators with 21st Century instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school year.

100% of teachers would recommend teaching with the program to their peers
100% of teachers said teaching in the Inspiring Summers program was rewarding
100% of teachers would recommend Inspiring Summers to parents

Family Engagement

Weekly reports and events engaged parents and caregivers in their child’s education.

71% of parents became more involved in their child’s education
50% of parents reported staffs created a welcoming environment
50% of parents would recommend Inspiring Summers to other parents

Source: BellXcel 2019 STAR assessments and stakeholder surveys
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:

- Fairy Tale Engineering
- Robots with Dash and Dot
- Creative Chemistry
- Community and Mindset
- Math All Around
- Force and Friction

Field Trips & Community Engagement

Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing scholars to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased tolerance and critical-thinking skills. Experiences included:

- Jones Gulch Y.M.C.A
- CuriOdyssey
- San Mateo Co. Huddart Park
- Redwood Glen
- Speaker Juan L. Sanchez, Musician
- Puente Youth Art Project
- Healthy Choice and Movement
- TomKat Garden Project and Pancake Fridays

School Partners

- Pescadero Elementary

Community Partners

- San Mateo County Libraries
- Puente de la Costa Sur
- San Mateo County Parks Foundation

Financial Supporters

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