



United Way of Dane County Plan for Community Well-Being: Education

GOAL: All students succeed academically and graduate high school prepared for higher education, career and community.

Why it Matters: Individuals who finish high school are more likely to have the skills required to be successful in postsecondary education, an increasingly complicated job market and society. And adults with higher education levels are more likely to gain employment with family-sustaining

wages. That's why, in 2022, we invested in 18 local nonprofits and 32 local programs that help prepare youth for the classroom and life beyond through mentorship, tutoring and social-emotional learning.

Here's how we invested in education efforts in 2022:



Investment: **\$3,715,863**



Nonprofit Partners: **18**



Programs: **32**



Program Participants: **5,728**



Mentorship and Learning – in the Classroom and Beyond

When Zane first matched with his Big Brother, Rich, he was struggling to make connections with his peers and had trouble focusing in school. But the community mentoring program provided by our partners at **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County** was just what he needed! Over time, Rich was able to help Zane come out of his shell, encouraging him to try new things and overcome his social anxiety. Now, four

years later, Zane is feeling more confident, speaking up and asking questions during class and even considering what his next step after high school will be. Social-emotional learning is a key part in helping kids become more successful both in and out of the classroom – leading to happier, more fulfilling lives.

The impact on local families participating in Education programming in 2022:



95%

saw improved academic performance (182 students grades K-5)



100%

graduated high school in Dane County (253 students)



86%

of disengaged students saw improved belonging, leadership and/or academic success (1,189 students grade 6-8)

United Way of Dane County Invests in Education Programs at These Organizations

100 Black Men of Madison

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County

Briarpatch Youth Services

Centro Hispano

City of Middleton Youth Center

Dear Diary

Families & Schools Together (FAST)

Goodman Community Center

JustDane

Literacy Network

Lussier Community Education Center

Mount Zion Baptist Church

Operation Fresh Start

Simpson Street Free Press

The Hmong Institute

Urban League of Greater Madison

Vera Court Neighborhood Center