



HAMILTON EARLY LEARNING CENTER
& SOTA 1

PROUD OF OUR
SCHOOL

Our vision is to be a school in which all students learn. We engage all resources available to help students make progress.

We are a welcoming school and understand the importance of all stakeholders in helping students make progress.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS OVER PAST 9 YEARS

► enrollment

Year	Hamilton enrollment	SOTA 1 enrollment	
2008	116	123	
2009	127	118	
2010	121	119	
2011	119	126	
2012	121	128	
2013	127	138	3rd gr
2014	180	122	4th gr
2015	207	128	5th gr
2016	199	120	
2017	200	128	
anticipate	200	140	2/3

GETTING CREATIVE WITH SPACE

- ▶ Speech/Language (3 practitioners), OT, PT, Adaptive PE all share a classroom
- ▶ Computer lab moved from 128 to LMC and Title 1 reading moved to 130...these undersized spaces converted to classrooms in 2015
- ▶ Room 101, our largest classroom space split in half to make 2 new rooms

GETTING CREATIVE WITH SPACE, CONTINUED

- ▶ Boys and Girls Club shares office space with 21st century learning AND time-out rooms
- ▶ School Psychologist's office doubles as conference room
- ▶ Orchestra and Drama shared a space. Next year, that will become a classroom. Drama will teach on stage area and Orchestra lessons will be taught in various spaces (including basement).

CREATIVE EFFORTS TO MEET NEEDS

- ▶ Global Partners Mentor Program
- ▶ 45-15 calendar with robust intersession activities
- ▶ BGC on site (k-2)
- ▶ Y surround care on site AM and PM
- ▶ Monthly Family Nights based on giving families skills
- ▶ Readers Creating Readers Program
- ▶ United Way Reading Program
- ▶ Hunger Task Force/Jim's Grocery Bag

PARTNERSHIPS

- ▶ Gundersen Health System
- ▶ Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
- ▶ Mayo
- ▶ Viterbo
- ▶ UW-L
- ▶ GROW La Crosse
- ▶ Neighborhood Resource Officers
- ▶ Pet Therapy (Read to Rover)
- ▶ PPH Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Park and Recreation
- ▶ Salzer Square
- ▶ Regional Artists/Pump House/Artspire
- ▶ City of La Crosse
- ▶ La Crosse County (including WNEP nutrition program)
- ▶ LPEF
- ▶ Central High School Mentors

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY

- ▶ La Crosse Family Collaborative
- ▶ Power of embedded social work
- ▶ We've had countless students make tremendous gains, behaviorally and academically only to spiral backwards due to one catastrophic event at home
- ▶ **REALIZATION:** If we're ever going to see student success including academic gains, we **MUST** lift up our families and our neighborhood.
- ▶ Next Step: Community School Coordinator

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- ▶ **Defined:** A community school is a school where resources for families are gathered, aligned, and activated to foster independence so that students and their families will find success.

NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY STAFF AND INFORMAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Food/Clothing/Basic Needs
- ▶ Adult Education/Parent Education/Job Training
- ▶ Early Childhood Services/Daycare
- ▶ Medical/Dental/Vision
- ▶ Mental Health/Counseling/Family Counseling
- ▶ Mentorships

TOPIC 1:

- ▶ If you could add any service to this neighborhood - something that would enhance the neighborhood for you, personally, what would it be?
- ▶ *Which of these is/are most appropriate to be co-located with Hamilton School?*

RESPONSES

- ▶ On site health services (7)
- ▶ Food Pantry (4)
- ▶ Day Care (3)
- ▶ Center for food/clothing/supplies (3)
- ▶ Educational programs for adults (2)

TOPIC 2:

- ▶ With a focus specifically on the children/young people living in this area, what type of program, service or asset would most enhance this neighborhood?
- ▶ *Which of these is/are most appropriate to be co-located with Hamilton School?*

RESPONSES

- ▶ Job experiences and opportunities to be productive in the community (6)
- ▶ Night time recreational programs (6)
- ▶ Supervision in parks (4)
- ▶ More year round schools (3)
- ▶ Financial literacy classes for students (2)

TOPIC 3:

- ▶ What could be added or improved in this neighborhood that would help make it, or keep it, a place that people want to live in and move to?
- ▶ *Which of these would you consider to be the top priorities?*

RESPONSES

- ▶ Retool image of neighborhood (9)
- ▶ Affordable housing (8)
- ▶ Neighborhood clean up (2)
- ▶ Increased parent involvement (2)

TOPIC 4:

- ▶ How could Hamilton School help meet some of these needs identified in the previous section?
- ▶ Which theme is most important to address the needs of Hamilton?

RESPONSES

- ▶ Increase gym space (6)
- ▶ Hire more diverse employees (2)
- ▶ Free evening meals at school (2)
- ▶ Regular column in the Tribune (2)

Topic 5:

What physical changes to the Hamilton building (adding or renovating) would most enhance the school and the neighborhood?

Which of these would you consider to be the top priorities?

RESPONSES

- ▶ Increase gym space (5)
- ▶ Additional classrooms (3)
- ▶ Add a 3rd floor (3)

OTHER IMPORTANT THEMES:

- ▶ Full Service Grocery Store
- ▶ Laundry services
- ▶ Arts, Music, Dance (after-school/weekend music and dance programs, studio or stage)
- ▶ Paid mentors who are diverse
- ▶ Hands on-science, experiential (outdoors, fishing), entrepreneurial

HOW DOES THIS FEEDBACK ALIGN?

- ▶ What surprised you about what we heard?
- ▶ What are our next steps?