

**Data Gathered for Board Member, Joanne Dorscher,
Related to Out of Home Placements/Partial Hospitalization; Homelessness,
Group Homes, the Area Learning Center, and Mobility Rates
March 7, 2008**

Content of Email sent to Joanne Dorscher:

The two attached documents called, "Out of Home Homeless Data 0506" and "Out of Home Homeless Data 0607" contain data on the number students served in out of home placements/partial hospitalization; the number of students who are homeless; group homes in our district; and the number of students served at the Area Learning Center. You may want to use the report, "Out of Home Homeless Data 0506", as this report contains finalized data and also contains mobility information. The data for both years is fairly consistent. The data in the 2006/2007 report is still preliminary and does not contain mobility information.

The third document, "Comparison of District Mobility Rates" presents mobility rates for surrounding districts, as well as other comparably sized districts. The first table lists the districts alphabetically. The second table presents districts in ascending order, based on mobility rate.

Some of the key conclusions that can be drawn from these reports include:

1. 8.3% (966/11,661) of the students we served in 2005/2006 were non-residents.
2. 7.7% (895/11,661) of the students we served in 2005/2006 were in programs for students in out of home placements or partial hospitalization. Sixty-three percent (565/895) of these students were non-residents.
3. Our overall mobility rate in 2005/2006 was 20.1%. Our rates in individual schools ranged from 7.6% to 675%. The overall mobility rate for programs serving students in out of home placements or partial hospitalization was 323.4% and ranged from 240% to 675%.
4. Our mobility rate (20.1%) is higher than all of the area districts and four of the five comparison districts from the Special Education Study (we were lower than Duluth). Mobility rates for area districts ranged from 4.83% to 9.67%. Rates for districts such as Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Becker and Big Lake range from 6.6% to 9.1%.
5. We served 228 students in 2005/2006 that were homeless.
6. Group homes, including foster homes, in our district have the capacity to serve over 100 students.
7. The Area Learning Center served 927 students in 2005/2006. Nearly 21% (192/927) of these students were non-resident. The Area Learning Center also has a high mobility rate (68.9%)

Tables 1, 2, and 4 present data from the Minnesota Department of Education's student information system, the Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS). The reported data from 2005/2006 had been finalized. Some data from 2006/2007 is available, but is still in a preliminary stage.

Table 1					
St. Cloud Area School District 742					
2005/2006 MARSS Data on Students Who Were Served in Out of Home Placements/Partial Hospitalization					
School/Program	Total Served	Resident	Non-resident	Mobility Rate	
Special Education Facilities (Hospital, Clara's House, etc.)	500 ¹	225	276	139	315.9%
St. Cloud Group Home	52	21	31	27	675.0%
Recovery Plus	99	16	83	24	240.0%
Riverwoods	214 ¹	65	151	244	316.8%
OK House	30	6	24	9	450.0%
Total Served (out of home placements)	895 ¹	333	565	443	323.4%
District Totals (all schools/programs)	11,661	10,695	966	1870	20.1% ²

Table 2	
St. Cloud Area School District 742	
2005/2006 MARSS Data on Students Who Are Homeless	
Number of students who are homeless	228

Table 3		
Group Homes in the St. Cloud Area School District 742		
Name	Type	Capacity
Corporate licensed foster group homes	Residential	20
Licensed foster homes	Residential - Private Homes	58
REM Central Lakes	Residential	24
Abigail House	Residential	4
Behavior Wizards	Crisis Respite	Unknown
Cura Center	Transitional Services	Unknown
J & J Holmes	Residential	Unknown

Table 4					
2005/2006 MARSS Data on Students Served at the St. Cloud Area Learning Center					
School/Program	Total Served	Resident	Non-resident	Mobility Rate	
ALC	927 ¹	738	192	247	68.9%

¹ The total served does not equal the sum of the resident and non-resident students because students can be counted more than once in the resident and non-resident categories if they exit and then re-enter a program – they are only counted once for the total served.

² Our mobility rates in individual schools range from 7.6% to 675%. Mobility rates for area districts such as Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Becker and Big Lake range from 6.6% to 9.1%.

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2006/2007 MARSS Data on Students Who Were Served in Out of Home Placements/Partial Hospitalization			
School/Program	Total Served	Resident	Non-resident
Special Education Facilities (Hospital, Clara's House, etc.)	428	219	209
St. Cloud Group Home	50	15	35
Recovery Plus	98	8	90
Riverwoods	216 ¹	67	150
OK House	28	2	26
Total Served (out of home placements)	820 ¹	311	510
District Totals(all schools/programs)	11,624 ¹	10,802	892

Table 2	
St. Cloud Area School District 742	
2006/2007 MARSS Data on Students Who are Homeless	
Number of students who are homeless	161

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Group Homes in the St. Cloud Area School District 742		
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Table 4			
2006/2007 MARSS Data on Students Served at the St. Cloud Area Learning Center			
School/Program	Total Served	Resident	Non-resident
ALC	983 ¹	821	178

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Comparison of District Mobility Rates Based on 2005/2006 MARSS Data (Listed Alphabetically)	
District	Mobility Rate
Albany	5.87%
Becker	6.60%
Big Lake	8.90%
Duluth	23.50%
Elk River	9.67%
Grand Rapids	18.70%
Holdingsford	4.83%
Kimball	9.50%
Mankato	9.83%
Melrose	8.75%
North St. Paul	13.82%
Paynesville	7.18%
Rochester	14.57%
Rocori	7.85%
Sartell	6.57%
Sauk Centre	9.20%
Sauk Rapids	9.10%
St. Cloud	20.1%

Comparison of District Mobility Rates	
Based on 2005/2006 MARSS Data (Listed in Ascending Order)	
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Becker	6.60%
Paynesville	7.18%
Rocori	7.85%
Melrose	8.75%
Big Lake	8.90%
Sauk Rapids	9.10%
Sauk Centre	9.20%
Kimball	9.50%
Elk River	9.67%
Mankato	9.83%
North St. Paul	13.82%
Rochester	14.57%
Grand Rapids	18.70%
St. Cloud	20.1%
Duluth	23.50%