# Say Yes Buffalo's Role in the Summer "Quilt"

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# **Program Overview**

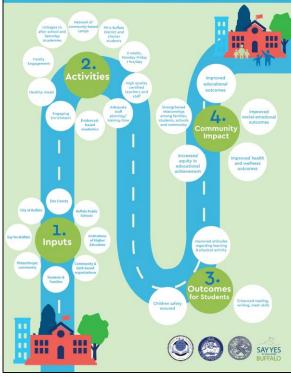
- City-wide initiative launched in 2015
  - PK-6 grade BPS students
  - Ave of 1,400 students at 31 sites each year
- Our goals:
  - Enhance academic growth
  - Promote health and wellness
  - Keep children safe
  - Collaborative partnership:
    - Say Yes Buffalo
    - Buffalo Public Schools
    - City of Buffalo
    - Erie County
    - Community and faith-based organizations
    - Parent organizations
    - Philanthropic community

# Summer Camp 2.0

- 2018 workgroup identified model enhancements
  - Lengthen day to 7 hrs
  - $\uparrow$  academics to 3 hrs/day
  - $\uparrow$  enrichment to 2 hrs/day
  - Evidenced-based ELA/Math
  - Planning/training time
- 2019 pilot showed promising student outcomes
  - Reading skills
  - Math skills
  - Satisfaction rates
- Full pivot to 2.0 in 2021

#### LOGIC MODEL

FOR BUFFALO CITY-WIDE SUMMER CAMP INITIATIVE Boals: To create equitable access to high quality summer camp experiences for students in Buffalo sult upon a Pacitive Youth Development framework; programs are fun and enriching; enhance academic growth, promote health and wellness; and keep children safe.



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# **Program Basics**

- 6 weeks (July 12 August 20), Monday Friday
  - Day starts at 8am, 8:30am or 9am depending on site

#### **19 sites with 7 hour day**

- 950 students
- 180 mins/day academics
- 120 mins/day enrichment
- Breakfast, lunch, snack

#### 13 sites with 4 hour day

- 500 students
- 90 mins/day academics
- 60 mins/day enrichment
- Breakfast, lunch
- Evidenced-based academics led by certified teachers
- Enrichment must include SEL, physical activity
- Staffing ratios
  - Overall 2:15 staff-to-student, inc. 1:25 teacher-to-student
  - Plus Site coordinator
  - 50 students = 1 site coordinator, 2 teachers, 5 support staff

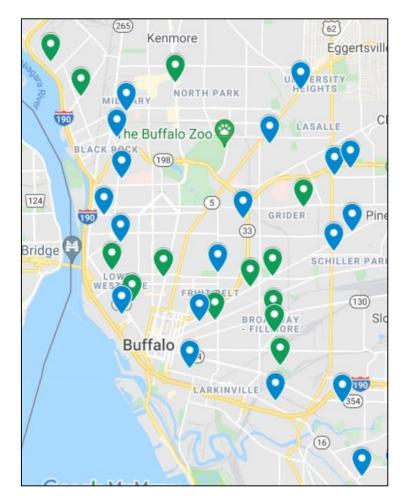


### **2021** Partners and Sites

### 22 partners, 32 sites:

ASAP Educational Program, The Belle Center, BestSelf Behavioral Health, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns, Buffalo String Works, Calvary Baptist Church, Community Action Organization, First Shiloh Youth Foundation, King Urban Life Center, Lt. Col. Matt Urban Center, Metro Community Development Corporation, Parker Academy, Police Athletic League of Buffalo, Say Yes Buffalo Community Schools, Somali Bantu Community Organization, Tru Way Community Center, University District Community Development Association, West Side Community Services, Westminster Economic Development Initiative, YMCA Buffalo Niagara, YWCA of Western New York

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Blue sites are 7 hrs/day Green sites are 4 hrs/day

Health and safety protocols were effectively implemented in Virtual Learning Support Centers



# **Health and Safety**

- Strict health and safety protocols
  - Based on guidance/regulations from CDC, DOH, OFCS
  - Informed by "Camp Counts" study, Virtual Learning Support Centers experience
- Provisions for:
  - Emergency communications
  - Arrival/dismissal
  - Daily health checks
  - Healthy hygiene, including masks
  - Site ventilation
  - Social distancing
  - Cleaning/disinfecting
  - "Rest and Restore" room
  - Contingency plans for identified COVID-19 cases
- All sites will have ECDOH permit or SACC license

### **Providing Crucial Supports**

Sites will help students and their families access resources for food, clothing, shelter, school supplies and health insurance. Sites will provide support to students struggling with mental health and behavioral challenges, linking students and families to counseling when appropriate.



Sites will help ensure student safety, monitoring for signs of abuse and neglect.

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# **Breaking Barriers Partnership**

- Partnership with Boys and Men of Color
- Racial equity-themed programming led by young men
- Piloting at select sites





# **Urban Teacher Academy**



- McKinley High School and Buff State partnership
- Students will assist teachers with academic curriculum in camps
- Won't count towards site staffing ratios

# **Camp Begins in 33 Days!**

1,500+ students already enrolled -28 of 32 sites full!





*Curriculum is all purchased and going out to sites* 

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We're holding virtual PD sessions with site staff to ensure this is the best year of Summer Camp yet!





A special thank you to Dr. Cash, Anne Botticelli and the Board of Education for your vision and commitment to summer learning!

