

SUBJECT: New Location for LEAP for 2023-24 School Year

Dear LEAP students and families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far. I am writing to let you know about a change to the location of our program for the 2023-24 school year. Please know that this does not impact our current summer program or the upcoming school year; **this change will not take place until fall 2023.**

**What you need to know:**

- LEAP will be moving to John A. Johnson for the 2023-2024 school year
- John A. Johnson is on the East Side of Saint Paul, just west of Arcade Street at 740 York Ave.
- This new location has many benefits for our school community, including:
  - Access the YMCA for students during the school day
  - Air conditioning and big windows with lots of natural light
  - Shorter bus commutes (with fewer connections) for many current students
  - Larger classrooms
  - Additional space for organizations who can support students' well-being

**More details:**

I and several LEAP staff worked on our school's Envision SPPS transition team over the past school year. This spring and summer, we have been meeting with district staff to make sure our new location would meet our needs. Our recommendation to move our program to John A. Johnson was presented to the Board of Education on July 19, and we will begin to work on our moving plans over the next few months.

I know that change is difficult and transitions can be stressful on students and families. I want to assure you that this decision was made by our community in the best interest of our school. John A. Johnson will be a wonderful new home for LEAP.

Please give me a call, stop by or e-mail me if you have questions. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you and your families soon.

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