This report presents outcomes of Westwood Summer - a holistic learning experience blending academics with enrichment, social-emotional skill development and community engagement.

Program Goals
- Increase literacy and math skills among underperforming youth
- Support youth social-emotional growth
- Empower educators with impactful instructional strategies
- Engage families in youth success

Academics
Growth in literacy and math skills are important indicators of youth success and are measured via pre- and post-program assessments.

+2 average reading gains in months
+3 average math gains in months

Growth Mindset
Youth develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work.

89% of families reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges
81% of educators said youth improved in exhibiting growth mindset

Social-Emotional Growth
Social-emotional skills are essential to academic learning and overall well-being.

95% of families said their child’s self-confidence increased
83% of educators said youth improved in responsible decision making
93% of families reported their child had a more positive attitude about school and learning
85% of educators said youth increased their relationship skills

Professional Development
The program empowered educators with instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school year.

87% of educators said the program developed their professional skills
90% of educators said working with the program was rewarding
93% of educators would recommend the program to families

Family Engagement
Weekly reports and events engaged families and caregivers in their child’s education.

88% of families became more involved in their child’s education
91% of families were highly satisfied with the program
90% of families would recommend the program to other families

732 Youth in K-4th Grade
5 Weeks
5 Days Per Week
+2 Average Months Gained in Reading
+3 Average Months Gained in Math
88% ADA
37.5 Hours of Math
37.5 Hours of Literacy
1,850 Professional Development Hours
Enrichment courses were designed to foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose youth to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths. Youth rotated through the following courses:

- Swimming
- Cooking & Nutrition Science
- Robotics
- Pottery
- Creative Writing
- Dance

Field Trips & Community Engagement
Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing youth to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased social-emotional and critical-thinking skills. Experiences included:

- Children’s Museum
- Smithfield Aquarium
- Medfield University
- Salem Street Beach
- Special Event – Spelling Bee
- Special Event – Career Day
- Speaker – Joan King, Superior Court Judge
- Speaker – David Miller, Business Owner

School Partners
- Lincoln Charter School
- Forest Ridge Elementary School
- Washington Primary School
- Central Elementary School

Community Partners
- Smithfield School District
- Sealer Public Library
- Smithfield Parks & Recreation
- Westwood Office of Education

Financial Supporters
- Foundation Grant
- Smithfield County
- Community Health Center
- Anonymous Donor