PROSPER ABSTRACT

Title: St. Martin Parish Schools in Louisiana is under a court-ordered desegregation plan originally issued in 1965. Through MSAP, we will implement *PROSPER*: <u>*P*</u>roviding STEAM integration, <u>*R*</u>igor, and new <u>*O*</u>pportunities for <u>*S*</u>tudents to <u>*P*</u>romote <u>*E*</u>quitable</u>, <u>*R*</u>eal-world pathways.

Goals and Objectives: Goal 1. Reduce minority group isolation by employing recruitment and selection approaches that promote socioeconomic integration and reduce minority group isolation. Objectives: Black student enrollment percentage will decrease; ratio of Black-to-White faculty is within +/- 15%. Goal 2. Increase academic success through an educationally challenging and diverse learning environment that inspires and empowers all students to achieve their potential. Objectives: Increase students from major racial and ethnic groups who score proficient or above on state assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics. Goal 3. Provide high-quality professional learning that empowers educators to excel in integrating magnet themes and positive behavioral interventions. Objectives: Teachers' perceptions of effectiveness in teaching artsintegrated and STEM curriculum and multicultural teaching will increase. Goal 4. Implement evidence-based, whole-school, arts-integrated STEAM programs. Objectives: Increased proficiency in targeted arts skills; students who score Mastery or above in science; and parents' confidence to support their child's learning; and 100% of MSAP-funded magnet schools will still be operating three years after funding ends. Goal 5. Cultivate fair, inclusive, and engaging school cultures. Objectives: Increased equitable school culture and engagement and parents who have positive perceptions of the culture; and decreased racial equity gap in disciplinary outcomes.

Magnet Schools: Under a mandatory desegregation plan, the <u>Early Learning Center</u> (Grades K-1) and <u>St. Martinville Primary</u> (Grades 2-5) will each open new, whole-school STEAM magnets. **Number of Students:** *PROSPER* will serve 761 high-need students each year.