



# LEARN. GROW. THRIVE.

**Closing The  
Achievement Gap**  
BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA

## INTRO TO CLOSING ACHIEVEMENT GAP

In 2014, the Burbank Unified School District and the Burbank Community YMCA forged a strategic alliance to work collaboratively to close the achievement gap in our community. For children from middle- and upper-income families, summertime means enrichment—camping, travel, and field trips. But it is often a time of learning loss for children from low-income families who do not get the benefit of these enrichment activities. Despite progressing at the same rates during the school year, low-income children often fall behind their peers over the summer months and those gaps get wider each month.

## INFOGRAPHIC

By the time a child completes the eighth grade, summer learning loss accounts for up to 2/3 of the academic achievement gap between children from underserved families and their higher-income peers.

## WHAT IS LEARN, GROW, THRIVE?

A six-week, full-day academic and enrichment program complete with extended care until 6pm for working families. Our goal is to ensure that all Burbank students who are at risk for becoming part of the achievement gap will enter school every fall ready to learn at or above their grade level.

The Learn Grow Thrive summer learning loss prevention program is designed to mitigate summer learning loss, curb negative social behaviors, and help underserved children gain the skills they need to succeed in school and to be college and career-ready.

The program enabled students to strengthen the foundational reading and math skills, self-confidence, and resilience needed to advance to the next grade and excel in school and beyond.

#### PROGRAM GOALS:

- Increase scholars' literacy and math skills and help them avoid summer learning loss
- Strengthen scholars' self-confidence, social-emotional development, physical health, and well-being
- Increase parental engagement
- Build a stronger connection between Miller Elementary, Luther Middle School, and Burbank Community YMCA
- Provide a venue for community members to engage and serve youth

#### I ACADEMIC RESULTS:

#### THANK MAJOR FUNDERS:

- Burbank Unified School District
- Y-USA
- Gwendolyn Sexton Foundation
- The Walt Disney Company
- Burbank YMCA Annual Support

#### NFOGRAPHIC STATS:

391 Scholars Served

K-7 Grades Served

2 School Sites; Miller Elementary and Luther Middle School

270 Total Hours of Summer Learning

84.5% Average Daily Attendance

+2.0 Average Reading Gain, in Months

+3.0 Average Math Gain, in Months

100% Teachers reporting an improvement in scholars' self-confidence

95% Parents reporting that scholars enjoyed

#### BUSD School Board Night Photo:



#### CREA Award:

The Burbank Community YMCA was selected as a winner for this year's CREA. The "Learn Grow Thrive Summer Learning Loss-Prevention" has proved worthy of putting CDBG funds into good use. One of the purposes of CREA is to reiterate how important these CDBG and HOME funds are. The Burbank Community YMCA was honored by the Burbank City Council and Congressman Adam Schiff on August 22, 2017 for an banner year for the Learn Grow Thrive Program and for being awarded the CREA.