Patricia Reeves and Jianping Shen, Co-Directors of Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood
We build motivation and capacity among school leaders and their staff through the use of implementation strategies within four powerful High Impact Leadership Principles.

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Western Michigan University
The High Impact Leadership (HIL) Model for School Renewal and strategic levers for high-integrity and high-fidelity implementation were provided by WMU researchers Jianping Shen and Patricia Reeves, and they are showing real results for schools! Our HIL Model for School Renewal is a systems approach to complex change in schools. It is based on four powerful leadership principles that help re-energize, refocus, reframe, re-imagine, and recreate the work of achieving literacy for optimizing learning opportunity and outcomes for every student.

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Bridget Cheney, Executive Director of Preschool, Elementary & K-8 Instructional Support & Philanthropic Foundations Liaison
Our Mission: To ensure that all students are educated, self-directed and productive members of society.

Grand Rapids Public Schools
We believe that all children can achieve their academic potential through effort, high expectations, and quality teaching. The Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhoods Project builds on many of the existing programs, projects, and initiatives that are improving outcomes for students and families across the district.

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Candace Cowling, Executive Director
Family Futures’ mission is to shape a community in which all children are supported to reach their full potential. Family Futures works to develop an infrastructure of systems and programs aligning to improve outcomes for families.

Family Futures
As a partner of the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood project, Family Futures provides regular developmental and social-emotional screening to children, ages 0-5, coupled with parent education and community resource navigation. Family Futures ensures children enter school ready to learn and succeed. Since successful outcomes for children and youth are increased in trauma-informed communities, Family Futures also serves as a trauma/resilience guide for children, youth, families, and organizations in the community.

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Jeff Williams, Director, Community Data and Research Lab
We envision a world shaped by smart, adaptive, and effective philanthropy that helps to create strong, inclusive communities.

Grand Valley State University
The Johnson Center for Philanthropy provides services to help nonprofit organizations strengthen their teams, tools, and thinking for better impact. The Johnson Center will contribute to this work by developing and managing a longitudinal, integrated database for improving student outcomes and the community in southeast Grant Rapids, tracking the designated indicators and contributing our thinking to ongoing improvement of the project and the data used to inform it.

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Baxter Community Center

Baxter Community Center has a long (over 50 year) history of serving the community. Baxter has a Wholistic Health Center, Child Development Center, Mentoring program, Marketplace (Food Pantry, Greenhouse, Nutrition Classes and much more). As a partner of the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood Project, Baxter Community Center provides healthy food to children, and educating parents and neighbors on healthy food.

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ELNC

ELNC is a trusted, place-based early learning collaborative which provides funding, innovative shared support services, and advocacy to partner organizations that are rooted in their communities. Through a successful multi-generational model, ELNC and its partners provide family support as well as high-quality and culturally responsive early childhood educational services to under-resourced families. As a partner of the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood Project, ELNC will contribute by providing full-time preschool to our youth.

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GRCC

Grand Rapids Community College

GRCC will provide support for students interested in entering the child development program at GRCC. As a partner of the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood, GRCC’s Workforce Training will build continuing education offerings for child development providers to help them continue and expand their education. GRCC will provide opportunities for parents of children in Promise neighborhoods to upskill and reskill to get the career they desire.

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Kent ISD

Kent Intermediate School District

The Kent Intermediate School District (Kent ISD) is a local educational service agency devoted to achievement for all students. As a partner of the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood Project, Kent ISD’s Health Education Consultant will contribute to the project by providing drug and opioid prevention services in the Southeast neighborhood.

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Willie Patterson,
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Our mission is to advance a racial equity agenda in Grand Rapids by Expanding Affordable Housing and Increasing Community Power. Ultimately our work is to change policies that limit advancement opportunities in under-resourced communities and neighborhoods.

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LINC UP
LINC UP exists to expand opportunities in communities by developing and utilizing social infrastructure to engage residents and families, connecting them to existing programs, institutions and opportunities while simultaneously working to expand opportunities around housing, education, employment, and entrepreneurship. As a partner of the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood Project, LINC Up, engages and improves resident leadership for healthy and educated children and youth.

John Lane,
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We work to connect research with practice in schools and districts across Michigan, the U.S. and the world. The Office of K-12 Outreach provides information, expertise, and insight to policymakers at the local, state, and national levels.

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We work with K-12 educators, administrators, philanthropic organizations, and policymakers to increase personal, institutional, and system wide capacity focused on improving education for all students. John Lane is a qualitative researcher who focuses on the social contexts of educational policy implementation. As partner with the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood project, John is completing formative evaluative research.