# A HEALTHIER STATE OF MINNESOTA

BETTER HEALTH TOGETHER.



# SHIP IS CREATING HEALTH IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) investments support community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living, helping all people in Minnesota prevent chronic diseases including cancer, heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes. Ninety percent of the nation's health care costs are for people with chronic conditions, and the majority of those costs are preventable.

### Senator

Karla Bigham

# Representative

Anne Claflin, 54A

### Representative

Tony Jurgens, 54B

# SHIP supports health across the lifespan

With a solid infrastructure and strong relationships in place, SHIP communities are well positioned to address emerging public health issues and continue creating better health across a lifespan.



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# Helping to ensure all students have the opportunity to be healthy

Research shows a strong connection between student health and their success in school. Promoting healthy behavior in schools can help youth improve test scores, grades and attendance. With support from the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership, Living Healthy in Washington County is partnering with schools and districts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be healthy and successful.

Schools in Washington County are applying Smarter Lunchrooms strategies to encourage healthy eating among students. South Washington County Schools have embraced the University of Minnesota Extension Great Trays curriculum districtwide. Great Trays uses evidence-based practices to improve access to healthy foods in schools. Twenty-five Nutrition Services employees completed the Nutrition Building Blocks for Great Trays course, where they learned about nutrition, strategies to make fruits and vegetables appealing to students, aspects of the serving line that promote healthy food choices and more. All new employees will also receive training.

These strategies are being implemented in schools across Washington County. In three districts and two charter schools, Smarter Lunchrooms reached over 32,000 students.

"The Building Blocks for Great Trays curriculum has been so helpful, especially for our new staff because they are able to understand the why behind everything we do for students," said Bobbie Jo Grummons Assistant Director, Nutrition Services at South Washington County Schools.

Schools are taking a comprehensive approach when it comes to student wellness. In addition to Smarter Lunchrooms, they are working on strategies to increase physical activity before, during and after school. Collectively, these efforts will set students up for success in school and for a lifetime!

# SHIP: LOCAL LEADERSHIP, LOCAL PARTNERS, LOCAL EXPERTISE

# These community partners are leading SHIP activities in your communities.

# **Child Care**

Head Start - South St. Paul

# Community

**Buron Lane Apartments** City of South Saint Paul **Dakota County** Dakota County CDA - Marketplace Dakota County CDA - Mississippi Terrace Dakota County CDA - Pleasant Ridge Dakota County CDA - Rivertown Court Dakota County CDA - West Village Mark Court Apartments Masonic Block MRRT Wakota Trailhead and Overlook Design Nan McKay/South St Paul HRA Oak Terrace Apartments Park Place I and II Apartments **Pioneer Apartments** Sams Mini Mart

### **Health Care**

The Groves

The Woodlands

**Vermillion Shores** 

Commonbond Red Rock Manor

**Syndicate Bluff Apartments** 

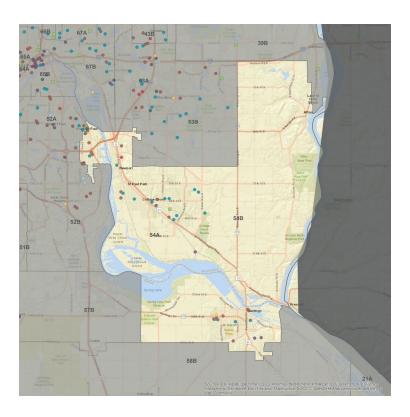
# **Schools**

Christa McAuliffe Elementary District 833 Alternative High **District 833 Armstrong Elementary** District 833 Cottage Grove Middle **District 833 Crestview Elementary** District 833 Grey Cloud Elementary District 833 Hillside Elementary District 833 Newport Elementary District 833 Next Step District 833 Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion District 833 Oltman Middle District 833 Park Senior High District 833 Pine Hill Elementary District 833 Pullman Elementary **Kaposia Education Center Elementary** Kennedy Elementary **Pinecrest Elementary** 

# Workplaces

3M Washington County District 833 South Washington **County Schools Innovative Surfaces Intek Plastics** 

# MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE **DISTRICTS 54A & 54B**



# **SHIP** strategies



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