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annual
report

July 2016 - June 2017

looking ahead

A note from Nuestro Mundo, Inc. president, Pamela McGillivray

Throughout last year, Nuestro Mundo Inc. (NMI) has steadfastly executed its mission to develop bilingualism and biliteracy in our community and to promote intercultural competency and equity for students and their families.

NMI works directly with Nuestro Mundo Community School (NMCS), a Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) public charter school, to achieve academic success of students—particularly, those students who have been historically underserved in our district—through an innovative dual language immersion (DLI) curriculum and learning models that have a deep commitment to parent and community engagement. While NMCS was founded as a DLI school to more effectively set Latinx students up for social mobility and academic success, the NMCS model enhances the educational experience of all of its students.

In 2017, NMI established an advocacy goal for NMCS: “Through securing permanent facilities for a Spanish DLI elementary school as an innovative and independent program within MMSD, Nuestro Mundo will continue to unite and lead our community as a force for social change, equity and educational excellence.” In light of this advocacy goal, NMI is embarking on its third 5-year renewal of its charter with MMSD that will allow NMCS to continue to serve MMSD as an incubator for innovative practices embracing equity, cultural responsiveness, and biliteracy.

As Madison’s pioneer DLI program, NMI hopes to “open source” our best strategies to benefit other DLI students and their families in the district. This year, NMI will formally work to promote DLI throughout the district and share its “lessons-learned” in its 14 years of progress. NMI will engage a broad array of community stakeholders in meaningful and open discussion on how we—as an organization and community members—can best support students’ success in and beyond elementary school.



The heart of the Nuestro Mundo mission is to promote a pluralist and inclusive community. NMI is actively working to become more culturally responsive among its board of directors and throughout the Nuestro Mundo community.

As we move forward, NMI will work closely with school staff, students, parents and community members to create a legacy of success for dual language immersion in our schools and to ardently work toward equity and equality in our community.

We thank you for your heartfelt support!

Nuestro Mundo, Inc.'s mission is to develop, manage, and promote K-adult language, cross-cultural educational and leadership opportunities.

Nuestro Mundo, Inc. 2017-18 Board of Directors

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Looking forward

The present success of Nuestro Mundo Community School rests upon a unique formula which includes community outreach and engagement that validates the native cultures that students bring to the learning experience. It also involves a personalized academic support system, that comes from dedicated teachers in a community-based school who work with an innovative dual language immersion instructional model. These elements combined have led to the school's proven track record.

This year the board embarks on another cycle of its charter renewal process. In the course of this work, we look toward a transparent process with deep community involvement, which provides the support and cultural competencies necessary to continue the momentum of our student's success.

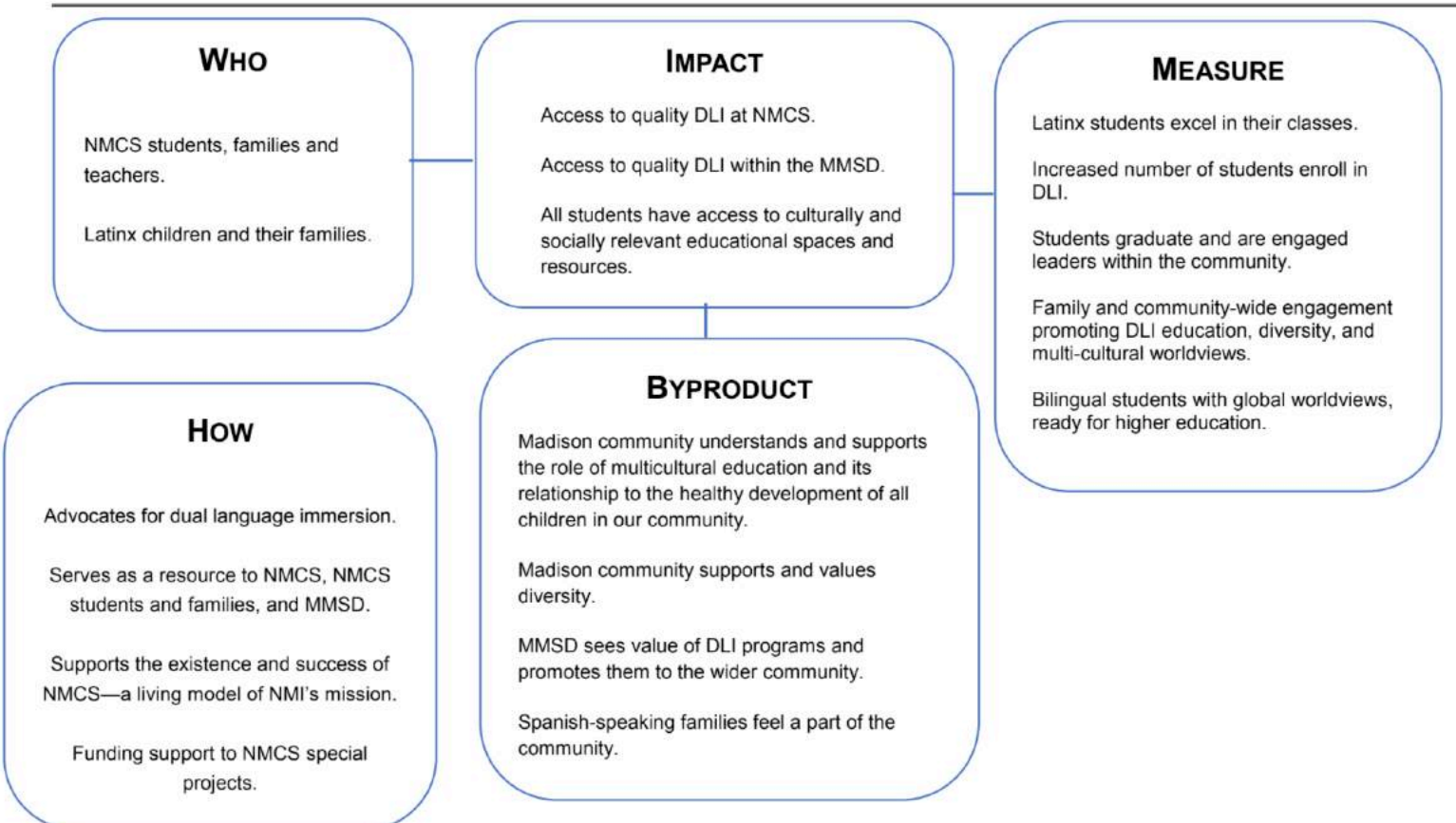
Building Community

Through the 2016-17 school year, the Nuestro Mundo Community Group put on the following events with the financial help of Nuestro Mundo, Inc.

- ~ Parent School Partnership
- ~ Back to school ice cream social
- ~ Monthly Community Group meals and meetings
- ~ Día de los Muertos celebration
- ~ Family movie night
- ~ Día del niño
- ~ Teacher appreciation week
- ~ Kindergarden and 5th grade promotion parties

Thinking strategically

Nuestro Mundo Inc. is working to focus activities on some of the outcomes of a strategic planning process held in April 2017. The flow chart below describes Nuestro Mundo Inc.'s intended impact. Top priorities include increasing the NMI board's cultural responsiveness and strengthening the DLI pipeline through Sennett Middle School and LaFollette High School.



Thank you to NMI's outgoing board members!

We recognize the invaluable contributions of board members who have donated their time to further the mission of NMI, and whose tenure as board members has come to an end. These are individuals who afforded us unique expertise and broadened our social capital.

Libbey Meister left the board after 10 years of service. She worked tirelessly, and has a non-stop dedication to DLI in many roles including board president. She continues to serve on Nuestro Mundo Inc.'s advocacy Committee.



We extend our deepest gratitude to board members: Grisel Tapia (president), Rosalia Gittens (vice-president), Tim Boals, Virginia Gittens, Esmeralda Rodriguez, and Jorge Rodriguez for their dedicated service.

In addition, board members Nancy Gomez (secretary), Eugenia Highland (secretary), Marisol Campbell, Sarah Meier, and Roberto Yanez left the board in the fall of 2017.



On behalf of a grateful community of students, parents and friends we bid them farewell in their roles as board members, but they will always be a part of the Neustro Mundo community.

The NMI board has three-year terms. If you are interested in becoming involved on the board or with a committee, contact info@nuestromundoinc.org for more information.

Congratulations to the first dual language grads

When Nuestro Mundo Community School opened its doors in 2004, a group of enterprising students began a journey that has now culminated in high school graduation. Our community owes a debt of gratitude to the students and families who forged the way. For 13 years, as these students started at Nuestro Mundo Community School (then housed in the Frank Allis school building) and moved to Sennet Middle School and LaFollette High School, dual language programs were developed to support their learning.

From this initial class of students, forty-five earned the Seal of Biliteracy at graduation. To earn the seal, students must demonstrate proficiency reading and writing in English and Spanish, culture and literacy, and community service. Graduates were also able to receive a Dual Language Immersion certificate, awarded by LaFollette by taking six courses taught in Spanish.

Congratulations to these enterprising graduates, and best wishes to them as they launch forward.



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Projects supported

In 2016-17, Nuestro Mundo, Inc. provided grants for teachers, parents, students, and staff to enhance education at Nuestro Mundo Community School. Here are some highlights from the last year:

- Figureheads school assembly
- Puma Run t-shirts and ribbons
- Puma mascot costume
- 3rd grade bus fare for field trip to Discovery World Museum in Milwaukee
- Bus rental for March for Immigrant and Refugee Rights in Milwaukee
- Field trip assistance for graduating LaFollette DLI field trip to Chicago
- Childcare and snacks for NMCS parent English class
- Reading Street curriculum
- Laminator for teacher support



Fundraising Highlights

Each year Nuestro Mundo Inc. engages in fundraising activities throughout Madison and the local community. These events are an opportunity for members of the community and friends of Nuestro Mundo to provide the support that enables the students of Nuestro Mundo Community School to thrive, learn and develop as future leaders of Wisconsin and beyond.

Fundraising highlights include:

The first annual Puma Pounce & Bounce, which was a big success, was held in May and yielded \$4,500 in contributions.

In our Garage Sale initiative, the Delgado Family was able to raise \$300. Kudos to them for their efforts!

The Green Team was awarded a Madison Area Gardeners Association Grant to purchase \$275 worth of garden tools.

NMCS families helped raise funds through the No Sale Fundraiser, the Woodman's Card and SCRIP fundraisers, and Box Top collection.

The broader community stepped in, and provided significant funds for providing scholarships to Nuestro Mundo families who wanted to get US passports for their children.

We affirmed our commitment to social justice by holding a

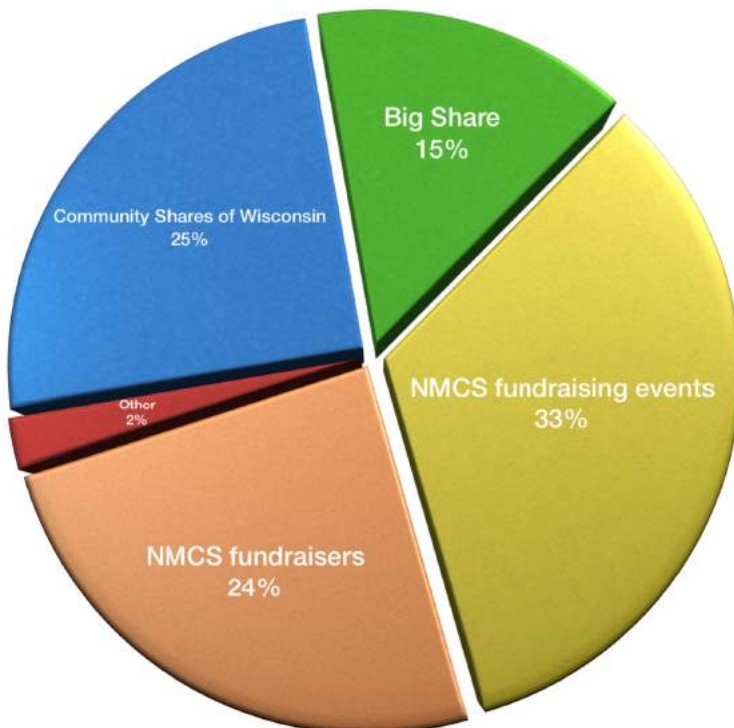


Legal Workshop, Passport Fairs, and giving eager families the opportunity to participate in English and Spanish classes.

We are humbled and indebted by the support of all of our stakeholders, and we reaffirm our commitment to continue to partner with them in the pursuit of supporting ongoing student success.

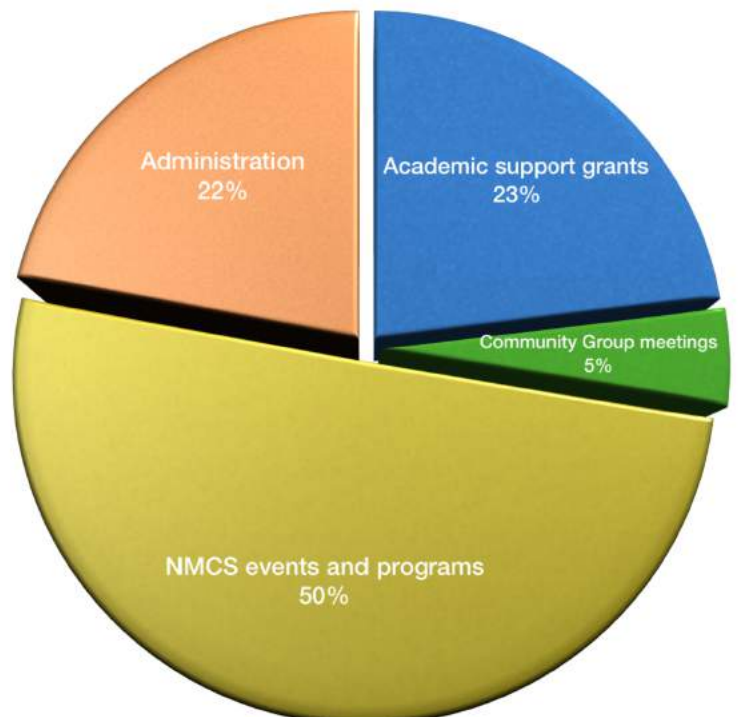
Income

	DOLLARS EARNED
Community Shares of Wisconsin	7,116
Big Share	4,290
NMCS fundraising events	9,503
NMCS fundraisers	6,930
Other	669



Expenses

	DOLLARS SPENT
Academic support grants	5,824
Community Group meetings	1,152
NMCS events and programs	12,691
Administration	5,574





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Get Active!

There are lots of ways to get involved in the Nuestro Mundo community. Businesses can adopt a school or sponsor an event, individuals can volunteer as a mentor in the classroom or can help with events, fundraisers, and after school clubs. Families can attend community programs.

Nuestro Mundo, Inc is a totally volunteer-run organization. We eagerly welcome assistance in a variety of activities including the website, program planning, donor outreach, grant writing, accounting, and educational evaluation. If you're interested in helping enrich the lives of children in our community, consider volunteering.

The Family & School Alliance acts as Nuestro Mundo's PTO and works to build community, celebrate staff, generate financial support, and provide opportunities for families to volunteer and support the work of our school. Interested? Email alianza@nuestromundoinc.org for more information.