The single most important factor in student success is the TEACHER in front of them.
Current state of education

- 23% decrease in new teachers from 2008-2016
- Nearly 8% of teachers leave teaching each year
- Additional 8% of teachers move to a different school or position, making the overall turnover rate about 16%

Statistics come from the Learning Policy Institute

1: https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/coming-crisis-teaching-brief
The Need for Grow Your Own Programs

TEACHER SHORTAGES
5% of Missouri teaching positions are vacant or filled with teachers who are not certified for the position

Barriers
❖ student debt
❖ low pay
❖ public perception
❖ cost of pre-service process
practice need
The Hard Questions

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- Are we supporting and encouraging our teachers?
- Are we sharing celebrations about our schools so people realize how awesome public education is?
Grow Your Own Awareness Support Mentorship Partnerships Engagement
Turn and Talk

On a Post it note-

1. Write your school district name.
2. Do you have a GYO program in your district?
3. List the shortage areas/staffing needs in your district
4. What are you most concerned about when it comes to teacher recruitment in your own district?
5. Share with someone sitting near.
6. Add your post it note to the chart paper that best describes your district in terms of urban, rural, suburban.
Cassville R-IV
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<th>Feedback</th>
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<td>“I have wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember and while</td>
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<td>being in Teach and Train, I have learned that that want has been</td>
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<td>further solidified. I look forward to going to Practicum every day to</td>
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<td>be able to work with my kids. I enjoy working with my kids and watching</td>
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<td>them learn and grow.”</td>
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<td>“I always had a feeling that I wanted to become a teacher but through</td>
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<td>the program my decision was set in stone. I learned that while it's</td>
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<td>thousands of dollars in college and countless hours of wasted time.”</td>
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North Kansas City

25 current participants - 12 more accepted

- Focus of at least 50% of all participants to be educators of color

Dual-credit Teaching specific courses offered in all HS

- Goal is for students to experience classrooms before HS graduation

Agreements for transfer of credits

- Focus on courses required for a degree in education (Core 42)
- Dual-credit Teaching specific courses offered in HS
North Kansas City School District

Post High School participants have a Mentor in NKCS

Offset costs of college:

- A+ Scholarship with local Community College - books and supplies
- Classes through Northwest-KC Campus for no cost
- Work for district (SACC & AVID Tuto & Paraprofessional)
- Classes offered at night – Paraprofessional (benefit eligible)

Work for the district for 3 years
Inspired by her third grade teacher and the caring way in which she built relationships with her students, Maya began to consider teaching as a career as an eight year old. Her high school counselor served as a role model and mentor and provided the influence for Maya to consider the Grow Your Own Program.

The GYO program provided the opportunity for Maya to experience working directly with students and confirmed her choice of entering the teaching profession. Maya loved the experience of spending four weeks of her summer in classrooms working directly with students; getting hands-on experiences of being a teacher.

Maya is excited to complete her education and return to a classroom in the North Kansas City School District as a teacher and to make an impact on students in her community as others have done for her.
NKCS Next Steps with GYO

Opportunities Being Explored:

- Business and Trades Building through local Community College
  - Cisco
  - HVAC
- Paraprofessional - finishing program
  - Work with other districts
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Your Role in Teacher Recruitment

- Atmosphere
- Community Education
- Engage Faculty
- Change the Narrative
Start
or
Strengthen
Consider:

When it comes to establishing or strengthening a teacher pipeline in your district...

--- What is one excitement?

--- What is one concern?
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