



SCHOOLS[®] THAT CAN MILWAUKEE

The Vision: 20,000 students in high-performing urban schools by 2020

Schools That Can Milwaukee, Inc. (STCM) was founded in July 2010 on the belief that, despite great challenges, outstanding schools exist in Milwaukee in all three sectors—district, charter, and choice. More are possible.

STCM has its roots in the ongoing collaboration among its three founding schools – Milwaukee College Preparatory School, St. Marcus Lutheran School and Bruce-Guadalupe Community School. All are recognized as outstanding Milwaukee schools and have been validated by Schools That Can (national) as Member schools.

STCM is partnering with high-performing Milwaukee schools to support expansion and replication, to identify their strengths and best practices and replicate these attributes at other schools throughout the community, and to collaborate with other local organizations to recruit high-quality school models and leaders to Milwaukee.

Successful Schools: Different Methods, Same Ingredients

- NO EXCUSES
- Strong Leadership and Governance
- Relentlessly High Expectations
- Time on Task
- Dedicated, Passionate and Effective Teachers
- Love and Discipline
- Whatever It Takes Mentality
- Student Performance Data Focus
- Alumni Tracked

2011-2012 STCM Partner Schools:

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With a goal of 20,000 children in high-performing urban schools by 2020, STCM will grow from three founding schools to more than 50 high-performing schools in Milwaukee.

Pathways to 20,000

Three pathways are essential to reach 20,000 students in high-quality schools by 2020:

- 1) Expansion and replication of Member schools
- 2) Movement of high-potential schools to Member status
- 3) Recruitment of high performing school operators and leaders to Milwaukee

Evidence from cities such as Houston indicates that a critical mass of high performing schools forces systemic change. Communities cease to accept poor schools and student failure when a significant number of excellent schools exist. By reaching 20,000 high performing seats, STCM seeks to create a tipping point for change in Milwaukee.

Call to Action: How can YOU engage?

- **Support STCM financially:** Visit www.stcmilwaukee.org
- **Change the dialogue:** Focus on **QUALITY**.
- **Visit a high-performing school.**
- **Engage politically:** Call upon Milwaukee and Wisconsin leaders to ensure they make education a priority. Expect – and demand – high-quality schools for ALL children.
- **Engage at a STCM partner school:** Become a board member, volunteer at a school, have your company or family adopt a school or a classroom, or mentor a student.
- **Thank a high-quality school leader or teacher.**
- **Believe in the vision: 20,000 by 2020.**

Schools That Can “Member” benchmarks include, but are not limited to: 75% of students at advanced or proficient levels, a student population of >60% free and reduced lunch, average daily attendance >93%, and alumni tracked with >90% graduating from high school.

