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## **Independent School District 199 to Add Minnesota Math and Reading Corps Positions Next Year to Impact Student Success**

Minnesota Math Corps (MMC) has awarded Independent School District 199 (ISD 199) a total of three full-time employee (FTE) positions for the 2011-2012 school year. Minnesota Math Corps members provide fourth- through eighth-graders with math assistance in small-group settings.

Hilltop Elementary School will receive a 1.0 position as well as a 0.5 FTE, Salem Hills Elementary School a 0.5 FTE and Inver Grove Heights Middle School a 1.0 FTE.

ISD 199 will also benefit from services offered through the Minnesota Reading Corps. The Reading Corps will provide the district with four FTE literacy positions. Hilltop will receive a 2.0 FTE, Pine Bend Elementary School 1.0 FTE, and Salem Hills 1.0 FTE.

Minnesota Reading Corps (MRC) serves students in grades K-3 and allows them the benefit of receiving additional literacy improvement opportunities.

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MMC and MRC will have a direct impact on student achievement. Both groups are part of AmeriCorps. Members will participate in small group pullout to provide supplemental support to students that need to commit extra time and attention to reading and math.

Both AmeriCorps programs will last for the entire 2011-2012 school year.

The district will begin recruiting individuals for the program this summer. Interested persons will apply and be screened through MMC and MRC. Following the screening process, the district will interview candidates, after which selected persons will be hired by MMC and MRC.

MMC and MRC members will receive specific training on math and reading interventions in August.

The budget for these programs is funded through the federal government. There is no cost to the district to participate in MRC. The district pays MMC \$2,000 for each 1.0 FTE that is acquired, costing only \$6,000 total.

We are thankful for the services that the Minnesota Math Corps and Minnesota Reading Corps will provide for the district next year.

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