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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement, regarding the Department of Education's announcement that Summit-University and Frogtown neighborhoods in St. Paul will receive a $500,000 Promise Neighborhood grant. These funds will help improve communities around Jackson and Maxfield Elementary Schools with the goal of closing the achievement gap and fostering an expectation of higher education.

"As the economy continues to slowly recover, the best investment we can make is in our children and public education, which is I support programs such as ‘Achievement Plus.' Targeting underserved St. Paul neighborhoods, this program helps close the achievement gaps that consistently affect low-income and minority students. These federal funds from the Promise Neighborhoods program will help struggling students successfully attain a high-quality education so they will be better prepared for college or a career when they leave high school."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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