

“The students in the Communities Program are now the leaders in our school,” stated Jacqueline Schleicher, Principal of Oshkosh North. I have witnessed this first hand through my son, Nick, whose experiences over the past 2.5 years in Communities have helped develop him into a confident leader in the classroom, school, and athletics. Through project-based learning, students are teamed up with local businesses and partners to help fill a community need through communication, collaboration, creative and critical thinking. Through these partnerships within the Oshkosh Community, my son has improved his public speaking and 21st century skills. Nick has become aware of the common attitudes, interests and goals of local businesses and partners as well as learning essential team-building skills. Further, he has developed ties within the Oshkosh Community. These projects teach content through real-life application while still adhering to the Oshkosh Area School District benchmarks. Nick has also discovered that there are many needs within the Oshkosh Community, and he has been inspired to volunteer in the community. The Communities Program has provided my son with a solid foundation to be successful in college, career and life. Nick is well-prepared for the demands of the 21st Century, and he will be an engaged citizen who will make a difference in his community.