**Launching Year 1**

Building on our learnings and impacts from the pilot, we are excited to announce that we have arrived at the end of our first year. We have more than 1,300 schools representing 118 districts in 3 states. Over the past few months, we’ve grown our team to include individuals with diverse backgrounds and a wide range of expertise. 

**Why we’re so excited**

We believe all students are curious, want a bright future and we can’t do this work without you and we hope our efforts prove helpful to you as well. So while we celebrate the accomplishments we’ve made, we remain committed to the belief that we’re just beginning to make an impact.

**We’re trying to fix a huge hole in the 21st-century education system, but fewer of our students still have access to the 21st-century devices and network access that’s necessary for their success and future.**

To update our beneficiaries we believe the 1Million Project will bring transformational change to high school students across the country. Preliminary survey results from our pilot partners are encouraging and inspiring. We are excited about the opportunities we’re helping to create together. Hard work + community = success.

With tremendous help from many corporate partners, we have connected more than 1,300 schools with the greatest need. We’ve engaged more than 400,000 students and more than 10,000 corporate volunteers. We’ve deployed more than 300 Sprint employees to various school districts to provide on-site support. Most important of all, we’ve made more opportunities available to students because of your support.

**Learnings from Our Pilots**

Over the past few months, we’ve worked closely with our pilot partners to develop best practices for communicating with program participants. These include how to use data to inform your program efforts; how to allocate resources to differing schools; and best practices for working with students, teachers and parents. These learnings have made our efforts far more effective.

**Schools across the country are excited to be part of the 1Million Project.**

We’ve developed this newsletter for two reasons. The first reason is to share updates and learnings from Sprint and our pilots. The second reason is to foster a sense of community. We want you to know about our partners and the exciting work that we do with you. We look forward to keeping you abreast of important 1Million Project developments.

**Connecting 1 million students is a significant undertaking, one that we cannot do alone.**

It involves thousands of partners to get it done. It requires working with schools, school districts, school boards, parents, students and other stakeholders. It also involves working with practitioners, the more excited we became. We then took these learnings and impacts from the pilot and applied them to the 1Million Project. We’ve learned from our mistakes and are even more excited about the opportunities we’re helping to create.

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**Sprint is uniquely positioned to help make a difference in these challenges.**

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**“Solving the homework gap problem has been the biggest challenge facing our school, and the 1Million Project will help solve it.”**

-- Dr. Mark Bedell, KCPS Superintendent (Kansas City, Mo.)

-- Jeffrey McMahon, Chief Information Officer at MSD in Dearborn, MI (Decatur Township in Indianapolis, Ind.)

-- Marcelo Claure, Sprint CEO