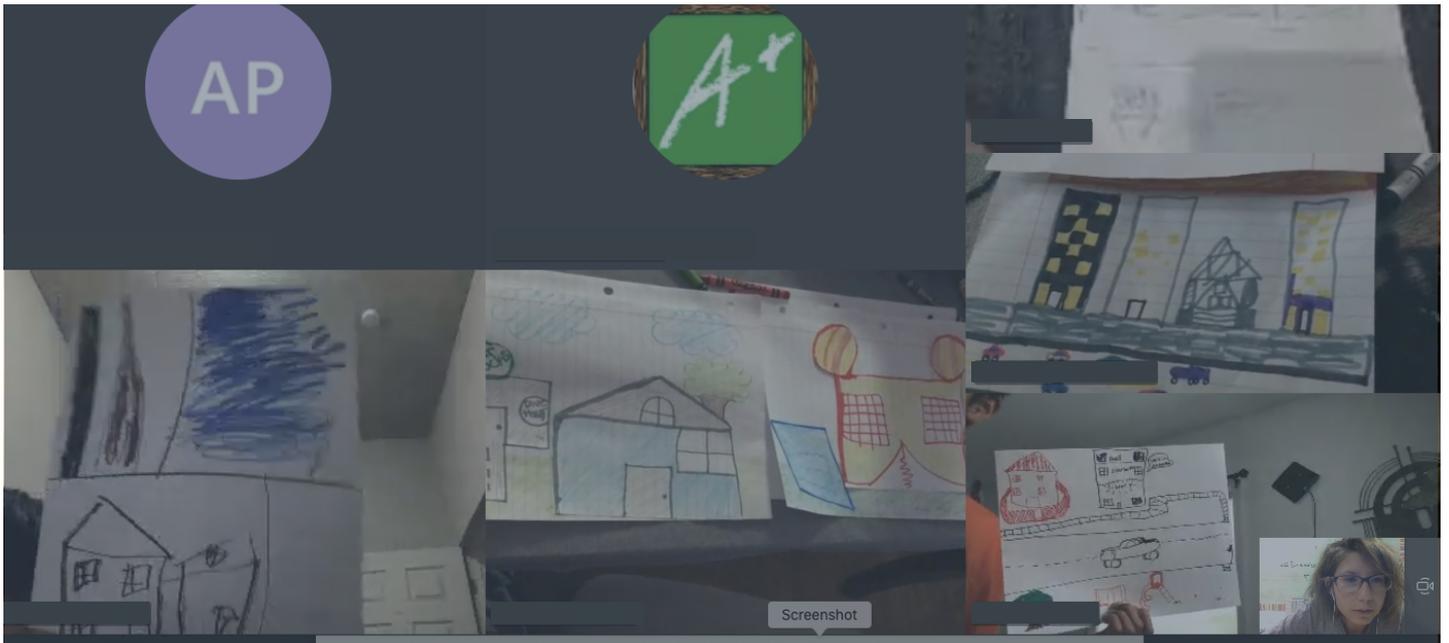




CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

# COMPLETELY KIDS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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STUDENTS DESIRED MORE ACTIVITIES AND PLACES THAT WERE EASY TO REACH ON FOOT OR BY BIKE. FEELING SAFE NAVIGATING NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS WAS ALSO A TOP PRIORITY.

## PROCESS

A small group of 6th graders attending the Completely Kids after-school program at Highland South, which currently serves children near and within the Southside Terrace - Indian Hill neighborhood, were asked to participate in a visioning and art activity. For the health and safety of students, the activity was conducted virtually with an activity packet full of art supplies and instructions delivered to each student prior to the meeting.

Before the virtual meeting, the 6th graders and their families were encouraged to walk through the neighborhood and talk about where they lived. Students were prompted to think about how the houses and streets looked, were there fun places and activities close by, and how they reached these places.

During the first meeting with students, the Completely Kids Instructor and Canopy South facilitator lead a discussion about what the students enjoyed about their neighborhoods and what they would like to see in the future. After sharing their ideas, each 6th grader was asked to create their ideal neighborhood using the materials provided or objects that inspired them from their surroundings.

For the final meeting, the students shared their artwork and what their ideal neighborhoods looked like — their ideas are outlined within the following report.

## Neighborhood Discussion

What do you love about your neighborhood?

- Beautiful park nearby
- Calm and very relaxed
- Nice Neighbors

What you you change about your neighborhood?

- Fast cars that make the roads dangerous to bike on
- No more people knocking on the door
- Have a beach close by — similar to their previous neighborhood
- Nothing

What would you like to see in your neighborhood?

- Large library with a coffee shop
- Starbucks
- Museum
- More stores
  - Outside of your home or nearby
- Art + Music
- Café for kids — place for kids to hang out

What does every park need?

- Shade
- Lots of space for fun games and activities
- Places to play a variety of sports: basketball, football, baseball, and soccer
- Playground
- Pool and waterslides
- Food