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Center®, an educational model that provides schools with a comprehensive approach to meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of all students through the power of relationships and data both inside and outside the classroom.

Having worked in Minnesota’s public schools for 36 years, Mr. Metz has served as a superintendent, high school principal, elementary principal, elementary teacher, and high school coach. In 2017, he retired as the Superintendent of Schools in St. Louis Park, Minn., home of the original BARR high school. While serving as the high school principal at St. Louis Park, Rob learned how the BARR model can be used to accelerate learning, close opportunity gaps, and create a safe and strength-based learning environment for students and staff.

Since then, the BARR model (Building Assets, Reducing Risks) has been implemented throughout the United States with consistent results regardless of school type, size or location. After one year of implementation, BARR has resulted in a statistically significant reduction in course failure rates by an average of 34.5%. Similarly, course credits earned increase, grade point averages improve, and the opportunity gap narrows when a school implements BARR. Tested and validated by the American Institutes for Research (AIR), BARR stands alone as the most consistently proven secondary school improvement model in the country.

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