

## Senator Franken discusses student mental health services; reads to first graders at Elizabeth Hall Interna

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U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) read to first graders on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Elizabeth Hall International Academy in north Minneapolis as part of I Love to Read Month.

The senator also met with school officials to learn about Minneapolis Public Schools' school-linked mental health programs. Later that day, Franken paid a visit to two Minneapolis nontraditional programs designed to help young people succeed.

Franken visited Juxtaposition Arts, which is a community-based organization founded on education, entrepreneurship and professional development for young artists. He also visited Cookie Cart, a non-profit community bakery with the objective to help north Minneapolis teenagers develop workplace skills and find jobs.