SUMMERTIME MEANS ENRICHMENT—camping, travel, and field trips—for many youth. But it is often a time of learning loss for many students, especially those from low-income families.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP WIDENS OVER TIME

Kids from low-income families often start school unprepared. Despite progressing at the same rates during the school year, gaps widen each summer—and students fall farther behind their peers.

POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY™, a pilot partnership between the Y and the national nonprofit BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life), doesn’t just tackle summer learning loss—it builds strong youth, academically, physically, and emotionally. The program partners with local schools to support K-8 students in literacy, math, enrichment activities in STEM and the arts, along with a health curriculum.

WE’RE EXCITED by what we’ve been able to accomplish in just six weeks during the summer:

1,190 Children in 10 sites in 2014

2.5 MONTHS Gains in Math skills*

92% Parents report improvements in scholars’ confidence and attitude toward school and learning

*Results from computer adaptive Star Enterprise Assessments for scholars in need of academic intervention that scored in the lowest quartile at the start of the summer.

The Y’s efforts to close the Achievement Gap are at work in nearly 46 STATES, including 15 STATES, plus Washington, DC, with the Power Scholars Academy™ pilot program.

JOIN OUR EFFORTS to help kids reach their full potential in your community. Learn more at www.ymca.net/youth-development.