



Community Schools Community of Practice

Introductory Meeting

Sept. 14, 2017



Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Purpose of the Community of Practice (CoP) & Meeting Framework
- Mission, Vision, Goal & Commitment of Attendees
- Review of Session Topics
- Community Schools: Overview
- CoP Meeting Schedule



Purpose of CoP & Meeting Framework



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PURPOSE

The CoP will offer an opportunity for all District of Columbia schools to receive training and technical assistance in creating and sustaining a community school.

MEETING FRAMEWORK

- **Frequency of meetings**
 - Bi-monthly meetings beginning September 2017 through May 2018
 - Two-hour meeting
- **Structure of meetings**
 - **First hour:** Introduction to topic; sharing of theories on topic
 - **Second hour:** Practical application of topic and network opportunities



CoP Mission, Vision, Goal & Commitment of Attendees



CoP: Mission, Vision, Goal & Commitment of Attendees

MISSION

Increase and disseminate the knowledge of the theory of community schools by: sharing and developing best practices; building a collection of resources; bringing intentionality to the work; and seeking broad input from all stakeholders on current practices and development of a community schools tool kit.

VISION

That schools have the knowledge to implement community schools; maximizing educational opportunities for every child and their families.

GOAL

Initially, a toolkit was considered; however, ultimately all content from school year 2016-17 was posted to the [OSSE Community Schools](#) web page.

COMMITMENT OF ATTENDEES

Attendees are expected to attend meetings and fully engage in sessions.



Review of Session Topics



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2016-17 SY Topics of Discussion (9 sessions)

- Setting the Stage for a Community Schools CoP
- Start Up/School Administration Buy-in
- Evaluation/Data
- Partnership Building
- Attendance
- Family Engagement/Special Populations
- Community & Public Health
- Finance/Sustainability
- “Telling Your Community School Story”/
Wrap-up

2017-18 SY Topics of Discussion (5 sessions)

- Introduction to Community Schools CoP
- Evaluation/Data
- Role of the Community Schools Coordinator & Use of Community Schools Advisory Board
- Special Populations
- Finance/Sustainability/ “Telling Your Community Schools Story”



Community Schools: Overview

What is a Community School?

[Community Schools Animation Video](#)





COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- A **public and private community partnership**
- Coordinates educational, developmental, family, health, and after-school-care programs during school and non-school hours for students, families, and local communities at a public school or public charter school

Objectives:

- Improve academic achievement
- Reduce absenteeism
- Building stronger relationships between students, parents, and communities
- Improve the skills, capacity, and well-being of the surrounding community residents



Overview of Community Schools: Theory of Action

If schools work in partnership with parents and community members to help build resources and support for students and their families...



Increased academic success for District students is possible!



Overview of Community Schools: Results Framework

Given the theory of action, the following are results of a successful community school implementation:

- Children are ready to enter school;
- Students succeed academically;
- Students are actively involved in learning in their community;
- Students are healthy: physically, socially, and emotionally;
- Students live and learn in stable and supportive environments;
- Families are actively involved in children's education; and
- Communities are desirable places to live.



Overview of Community Schools: National Perspective

Nationally, community schools have proven to be successful in:

- **Reducing** absenteeism
- **Improving** health and wellbeing of students and their families, and
- **Increasing** the rates of high school graduation and college attendance.



Supports and Services include:

- Academic- enrichment activities
- Adult education
- Child-care services
- College, Career & Citizenship
- Community Engagement
- Early childhood development and education
- Family engagement services
- Family Engagement
- Medical and dental care
- Mental health promotion and treatment services
- Parent leadership programs
- Nutrition services
- Truancy prevention programs
- Youth development programs and services



CoP Meeting Schedule



Upcoming Meetings

Evaluation/Data

This session will discuss the importance of evaluation/data within the context of the community schools model. A specific focus will be on how to evaluate/assess a community school, obtain data, use the data to inform practice, and best practices.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)
810 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20002

Role of the Community Schools Coordinator & Use of a Community Schools Advisory Board (January 2018)

Further information available soon.

Special Populations (March 2018)

Further information available soon.

Finance/Sustainability: Telling Your Story (May 2018)

Further information available soon.



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