

# WHAT ARE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?

*All kids deserve schools with expanded curriculum, wraparound supports, and community involvement*

## KEY STRATEGIES

### Well-Prepared and Effective Teachers

who can support diverse learners.

### Wraparound Academic, Social/Emotional & Health Supports

to help students stay on track.

### Positive Discipline Policies

that keep students in school, safe, and learning.

### Engaged Parents & Communities

that are invested in the school's success and foster partnerships between the school, local businesses, and non-profits.

### Universal Access to Pre-K

so that every child is ready to learn when they enter school and no one starts behind.

### Equitable School Funding

so schools in low-income communities can be equipped with resources & supports.

### Expanded Learning Time

including after-school programs, internships, and community service.

## EXAMPLES OF SUPPORTS

Professional learning opportunities

### EDUCATORS

More support staff

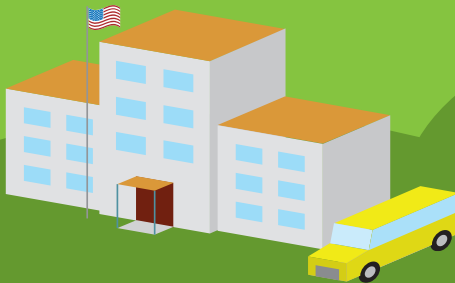
Small class sizes

Student peer mediation groups

Student voice on school board

### STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Strong PTAs



### COMMUNITY

School-based Clinics

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mentoring & Internships

Stopping suspensions

### POLICY MAKERS

Fair education budgeting

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ACTION



**CINCINNATI, OH**  
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

- Graduation rates up from 51% in 2000 to 82% in 2010
- Achievement gap between Black & white students narrowed from 14.5% in 2003 to 1.2% in 2010



**OAKLAND, CA**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Number of schools with after-school programs rose from 32 to 90
- 10x more children with access to summer school
- School-based health clinics



**EVANSVILLE, IN**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- 27% more students meet early literacy benchmarks
- 79% of 2010 grads pursued post-secondary education, above state average



**HARTFORD, CT**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Reading proficiency +10% since 2009
- After-school programs proven to maintain and increase math, reading, & writing performance



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