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

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

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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