



Student Needs:

- Positive Mentorship
- Parental Engagement
- Basic Physical Needs

- ❖ 2 key leaders (chair and co-chair)
- ❖ Council includes people from multiple community resource areas
- ❖ Maintain needs and opportunity list
- ❖ Maintain resource listing
- ❖ Interact with other councils
- ❖ Communicate with schools and volunteers with agencies



Community Resources:

- Parents
- Businesses
- PTO
- Organizations
- Churches
- Universities/Colleges

**Building Bridges between Schools and Community Resources:
A Promise to Help Schools Help Kids**

Assumptions:

- Schools are unique communities whose students have unique needs
- Teachers and administrators understand the needs of students and
- Communities care about students and are ready, willing, and able to help

Structure:

- Build council based on the needs of students identified through the school to support student academic achievement – designed in cooperation with school leaders and community contacts
- Clearly define purpose and scope so that the council has a guiding principle for operation
- Established guidelines and structure creates sustainability - allowing the council to exist outside the power of personality



The **Promise Council** network is a collection of caring adults who work to connect community resources to the specific needs of students as identified by teachers and staff at a school. The goal is simple...remove barriers to learn because all children deserve the opportunity to achieve success through a quality education. The chance of success increase when each child can experience the 5 promises!

The **Promise Councils** were created to focus on improving academic achievement and impacting the high school dropout crisis through community engagement. They do not duplicate or replace social service agencies or other organizations; rather they bridge the gap or connect our kids/school to them and provide caring adults and other resources as needed.

Please join us as we strive to remove barriers to learning by:

- ✓ **Increasing mentoring opportunities**
- ✓ **Provide additional opportunities for parental engagement**
- ✓ **Quickly meet physical needs of students**



The Five Promises:

- 5 CARING ADULTS** who are actively involved as parents, teachers, mentors, coaches, and neighbors
- 5 SAFE PLACES** that offer constructive use of time
- 5 A HEALTHY START** and healthy development
- 5 AN EFFECTIVE EDUCATION** that builds marketable skills
- 5 OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS** by making a difference through service