



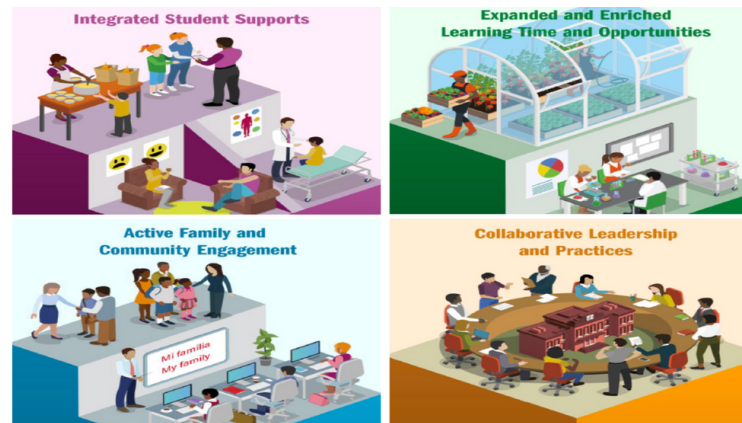
DID YOU KNOW?

Community Schools Partnership

Santa Barbara Unified was awarded a two-year California Community Schools Partnerships Program (CCSPP) planning grant from the California Department of Education (CDE) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Community Schools is designed to better support students in their academic journey by providing resources to them, their families, and the community. Such resources can include and are not limited to: mental health, medical, academic, legal, and nutritional.

The Community Schools initiative is based on four pillars.



How are we implementing the grant?

A District Design Team (DDT) is meeting monthly to help create the guidelines for this initiative. The committee is facilitated by the Director of Community Partnerships and is composed of SB Unified employees, community partners, and families. The monthly meetings are focused on identifying what needs exist and how they can be addressed through creating or re-imagining partnerships. The planning grant will concentrate on 6 sites as a pilot with the intention of rolling out to all SB Unified schools in the coming years.

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The sites that are part of the pilot are:

- Alta Vista Alternative High School
- Harding University Partnership School
- La Cuesta Continuation High School
- La Cumbre Junior High School
- McKinley Elementary School
- Santa Barbara Junior High School

How is the funding being used?

The planning grant is \$200,000 over two years and is being used to support the meetings and other aspects of the process.

How can others be involved?

We are currently looking for parents/caregivers and students to join the District Design Team. If you or someone you know is interested and either are a student or a parent/caregiver of a student at any of the pilot schools, please contact Ismael Paredes Ulloa, Director of Community Partnerships at iparedesulloa@sbunified.org or (805) 963-4338 ext. 6335.