

Where Providing Community Support is the Key to Improving Student Outcomes





# Recommended New Designated Community Schools

 This month the Board approved the opening of three new Community Schools Site Manager positions.

- Proposed New Sites
  - Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8
  - Pittsburgh King K-8
  - University Prep at Pittsburgh Milliones 6-12

#### **PPS Community School Administrative Regulations:**

- Applying to become a Designated Community School
- An Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Community Schools Steering Committee will evaluate all applications.

#### Prior to submission, each school will:

- Form an ad hoc Community School Application Committee to initiate the application process.
- Develop parent and community participants with the help of community organizations identified by the application committee.
- Hold regular Community School application committee meetings to ensure a common understanding of the Community School strategy and identify needs, goals, and plans.
- Participate in professional development about Community Schools' strategy.
- Collectively determine if the District or a Community Agency would best act as the Coordinating Agency to hire the Community School Site Manager.
  Expect great things.

#### **PPS Community School Administrative Regulations:**

- Once an application has been submitted, the ad hoc subcommittee will use a scoring rubric and conduct site visits to evaluate schools in the designation process.
- The subcommittee will make a recommendation to the Community Schools Steering Committee. The Community Schools Steering Committee will then make a recommendation for designation to the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent will submit a final recommendation for designation to the School Board

#### **PPS Community School Administrative Regulations:**

**Non-Designated School**: A school that has completed the Community Schools application but has not yet received Community Schools' designation will:

- Follow up with Community Schools Coordinator to understand next steps in the designation process.
- Access resources through the Community Schools Coordinator to further their application.

Location: Strategically grow the model across the district considering locations of schools and communities

- South Region
- North Region
- Central Region

Readiness and Infrastructure: The selection of schools considering the following areas

- Principal and School Community Buy-In
- Community Stakeholders and Community Support
- Physical Space



**PPS Data:** The selection of schools considering the following data points

- GPA
- Homelessness
- Graduation Rates
- Promise Usage
- Discipline
- Dis-enrollment
- Chronic Absence Rates
- Attendance Rates

#### Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Data:

The selection of schools considering the following data points

- DHS Involvement
  - Drug and Alcohol
  - Child Welfare Placement Services
  - Homelessness and Housing Support
  - Mental Health Services
  - Public Housing (City or County)
  - Public Benefits (SNAP or TANF)
  - DHS Services
  - Any Human Services



#### Recommended New Designated Community Schools Data

All three schools received a state designation including Focus or Priority

#### Department of Humans Services (DHS) Data: Any Human Service

- District-wide Service History 58% (2002-present)
- Arlington PreK-8 Service History 74% (2002-present)
- King K-8 Service History 74% (2002-present)
- University Prep Milliones Service History 77% (2002-present)

#### **Next Steps**

#### **Community Schools Comprehensive Plan:**

Development of a 5-year Community Schools plan that will include a timeline for the designation of new community schools and fundraising.