Community School Site Visit Reflection Tool

Use this tool to process your observations, connect findings to community school practices, and identify actionable next steps.

1. Snapshot

- **School Name:**
- **Date of Visit:**
- **Host / Guide:**
- **Core Vibe:** What three words describe the immediate energy, environment, or climate of the school?

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2. The Six Key Practices in Action

Document specific evidence, stories, or practices observed for each key practice.

Powerful Student and Family Engagement *(e.g., family welcome centers, adult classes, decision-making roles)*

Collaborative Leadership, Shared Power, and Voice *(e.g., community school coordinator, family leadership teams, teacher collaboration)*

Expanded, Enriched Learning Opportunities *(e.g., after-school programs, summer enrichment, real-world project learning)*

Rigorous, Community-Connected Classroom Instruction *(e.g., community members as guest lecturers, learning off campus, culturally relevant curriculum)*

Culture of Belonging, Safety, and Care *(e.g., physically accessible environment, inclusive environment, predictable expectations)*

Integrated Systems of Support *(e.g., healthcare, mental health services, food pantry, housing resources)*

3. Key Insights & Aha! Moments

What was the most inspiring or successful practice you saw today?

Does the school blend academics with community resources? If yes, how so?

Did you see students, families, or community members leading instead of just participating? If yes, how so?

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4. Critical Questions & Challenges

What operational or funding questions do you have about sustaining these programs?

Which partners or stakeholders did you notice were missing or could be better utilized?

What did you notice about collaborative leadership and/or shared accountability?

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5. Actionable Takeaways

What is one idea from today that you can implement in your own work right away?

What from this visit should you advocate for in your organization?

Who from today's visit do you need to contact to learn more?