COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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
Community Schools Designation Protocol

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.
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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.
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.
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**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
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**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
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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.