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# Community Schools Movement



GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
where **potential** takes **root**



“Where schools truly become the centers of the community,  
**great things happen.**”

— ARNE DUNCAN, U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

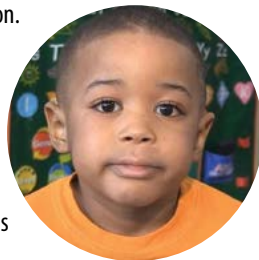


## Community School Model

Expanded learning opportunities and comprehensive support services, which are tailored to the needs of each school and offered year-round through extended hours of operation.

Community Schools, in partnership with community agencies, provide access to services in the following categories:

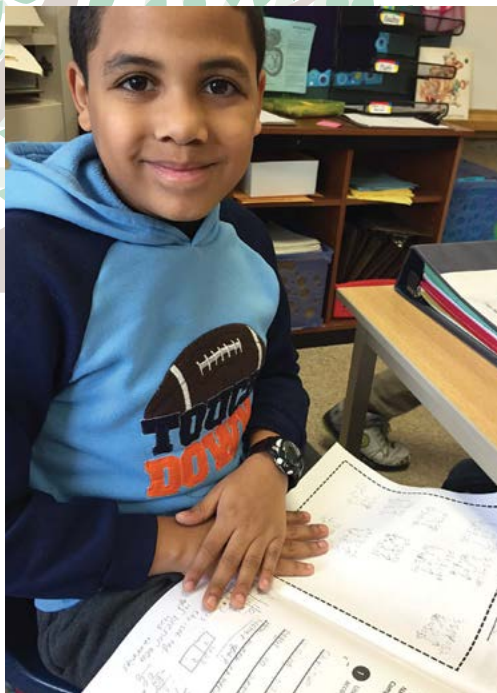
- Academic supports for students and families
- Social and cultural enrichment aligned to the school day
- Health and wellness services and referrals for students and families
- Social, emotional and behavioral health of students
- Family and community engagement activities



CONNECT

“The National Community Schools Movement  
is a **social justice movement.**”

— JASON COONEY, GREECE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



## Overview

Community Schools bring together the academic and social supports needed to ensure that all students succeed by offering programs, before, during and after the school day for students and their families. The programs are designed to support the school's academic program and expand the services offered within the community. Programs and services offered at the community school may include some combination of academic enrichment activities for students, student clubs, adult education classes, recreation and health services.

Community Schools assert a strong link between addressing students' social-emotional well-being and effective support of student learning, which is linked to the district Strategic Plan.



- Strengthen, expand and align strategic community partnerships to improve student performance
- Build trust through transparent communication and well-articulated engagement among parents, families, residents and employees.
- Support students identified as at risk and establish effective dropout prevention programs to increase high school graduation rates.
- Promote standards-based school counseling and mental health programs to improve achievement and to integrate social, health and other services through interagency collaboration.

OPPORTUNITY



“Using schools as hubs, **community schools bring educators, families, and community partners together** to offer a range of opportunities and supports to children, their families and the broader community.”

— KATHLEEN GRAUPMAN, GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



## Goals

- Transform and maintain schools to become the centers of their communities with campuses open mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends and into the summer.
- Connect children and families to a range of services that foster individual and economic well-being.
- Overcome barriers to students that limit opportunities and achievement.
- Engages parents and the community to improve academic achievement and social-emotional well-being.

## Benefits

- Job training courses available for parents.
- Access to medical and dental care on site.
- Opportunities for enrichment activities.
- Extended day opportunities that relate to and support the school's academic program.



## Resources

- Community Schools offer students and adult family members a variety of opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.
- Family Support Center
- Greece Community Education
- Parent Engagement Center

LEARN



“The goal of a Community School is to engage families and community members in authentic and meaningful ways with resources that enrich the experiences of our students. The collaboration between community members and educators helps to **create an environment where our students are able to succeed to the greatest of their potential.**”

— KELLIE MCNAIR, LONGRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





## Key Factors

Based on the Coalition for Community Schools Framework for Student Success, the nine key factors addressed by Community Schools are:

- Children are ready to enter school
- Students attend school consistently
- Students are actively involved in learning and the community
- Schools are engaged with families and communities
- Families are actively engaged in children's education
- Students succeed academically
- Students are healthy physically, socially and emotionally
- Students live and learn in stable, supportive environments
- Communities are desirable places to live



GROW

“A community school is not just another program being imposed on a school. It embodies a way of thinking and acting that recognizes the historic central role of schools in our communities — **and the power of working together for a common good.** Educating our children, yes, but also strengthening our families and communities so that, in turn, they can help make our schools even stronger and our children even more successful.”

— IRA HARKAVY AND MARTIN J. BLANK, COALITION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Community Schools Movement is aligned with our Envision Greece Strategic Plan.

District Strategic Goals

Accelerate  
Academic  
Achievement

Develop Human  
Capital and  
Professional  
Capacity



Improve  
Communication and  
Deepen Community  
Engagement

Ensure  
Safety and  
Wellness

Create Quality  
Performance  
Management  
Systems

SUCCESS



For more information about Community Schools,  
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