

The First Steps Toward School Transformation: Implementing an Inclusive & Thorough Needs/Assets Assessment

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California Community Schools Partnership Program

▷ 2020

- \$45 million from federal ESSER funds
- Received 102 applications requesting a total of \$167.5 million
- 20 applications were funded

▷ 2021

- Increase in funding over multiple years (\$3 billion)
- Includes funds for new community schools
- Regional technical assistance centers
- Funding prioritized for high-poverty schools



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Community schools are both a place and a set of relationships between members of a school community—students, families, educators, and community partners—and the resources they bring.



Community Schools as an Effective School Improvement Strategy:

A Review of the Evidence

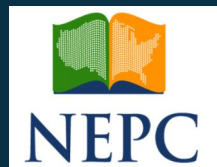
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DECEMBER 2017

Research Review

Over 140 studies of community schools and their associated features



Research Findings

- ▶ **Benefits associated with community schools include...**
 - Increased academic achievement
 - Increased attendance
 - Higher graduation rates
 - Improved peer/adult relationships and attitudes toward school
 - Reduced racial and economic achievement gaps
- ▶ **Cost-benefit savings of up to \$15 for every dollar invested**

Four Pillars of Community Schools



A dedicated staff member coordinates support programs to address out-of-school learning barriers for students and families.



Mental and physical health services support student success.

**Integrated
Student Supports**

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Enrichment activities emphasize real-world learning and community problem solving.

After-school, weekend, and summer programs provide academic instruction and individualized support.

**Expanded and Enriched
Learning Time and Opportunities**

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Promoting interaction among families, administration, and teachers helps families to be more involved in the decisions about their children's education.

Schools function as neighborhood hubs. There are educational opportunities for adults, and family members can share their stories and serve as equal partners in promoting student success.

**Active Family and
Community Engagement**

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Parents, students, teachers, principals, and community partners build a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and shared responsibility using strategies such as site-based leadership teams and teacher learning communities

**Collaborative Leadership
and Practices**