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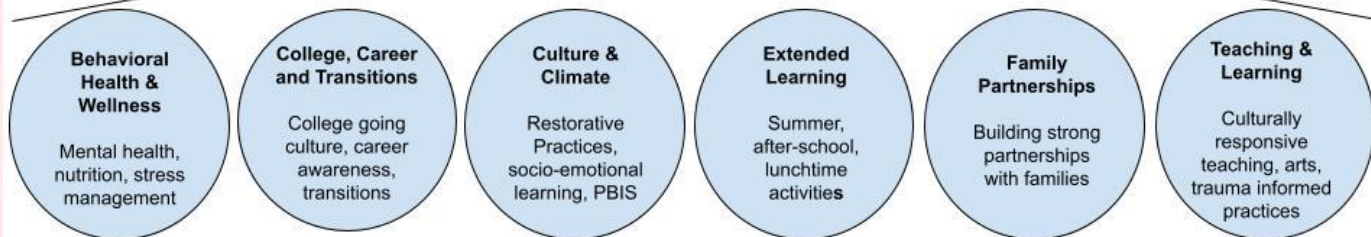
Overview of Whole Community School Model in San Francisco

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Coordinator

The coordinator integrates and aligns the people/programs within a school community, school day and out of school so that the different areas are mutually reinforcing and that all are supportive of student success.

Shared Vision & Leadership

Common vision for student and school success. All stakeholders work closely to align goals, outcomes, and program strategies to best meet the needs of the school community.

Matching Hopes, Needs, & Assets

Community schools rely on school-wide systems, procedures, and practices to collaborate with all partners, and match student and community needs with resources. Assessments are regularly utilized.

Continuous Learning & Improvement

Community schools regularly talk about data to ensure that together, the right people and partners are providing the right services and programs, for the right kids. Data is regularly used to impact adult practices.

Coherence & Integration

Having high quality programs that are well-coordinated not only within a service area, but also how each program areas impacts and enhances another area.

California Community Schools Partnership Program

- ❖ \$3 Billion from State of California allocated to Community Schools
- ❖ Details:
 - Local Educational Agency = SFUSD
 - Planning Grants
 - \$200,000
 - Implementation Grants
 - Up to \$500,000 per school
 - Small: up to 400 students
 - Small/medium: 401 – 1,000 students
 - Medium/Large: 1,001 – 2,000 students
 - Large: 2,001+ students
- ❖ Timeline
 - Request for Application (RFA) released by end of February
 - RFAs likely due late March/early April
 - Grant Awards in May



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❖ **Criteria based on need for LEA:**

- 50% or more unduplicated
- Higher than state average dropout rates
- Higher than state average suspension & expulsion rates
- Higher than state average rates of children experiencing houselessness, youth in foster care, youth involved in juvenile justice system

❖ **Priorities:**

- 80% free/reduced lunch
- Small schools
- Robust shared decision making with students, certificated & classified staff, families, community partners
- Trauma informed, mental health services and partnerships with community
- Shared leadership & governance
- Sustained funding sources after grant

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◆ Framework

➤ Four Pillars

- **Alignment & coordination across school** - academic, physical, social-emotional, and mental health
- **Family and community engagement** that actively taps the expertise and knowledge of family and community members.
- **Collaborative leadership and practices** for educators and administrators that establish a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and shared responsibility for outcomes in a manner that includes students, families, and community members.
- **Extended (expanded) learning** time and opportunities that include academic support, enrichment, and real-world learning opportunities.

➤ Proven Practices

- **Community Asset Mapping & Gap Analysis**
- **Community School Coordinator**
- **Shared Vision & Leadership**
- **Integration & Alignment of Services & Supports**



Current Work

- SFUSD has committed to apply. SFUSD & UESF, along with LA and Oakland, signed a letter asking to be eligible for the Planning grant
- UESF has assembled a group of people (Principals, educators, student, parent, etc.) to work on the grant.
- Community Schools resolution will be introduced at the Board of Education on February 22 for the first reading
- Continuing to raise the Community School IQ with the SF community

