



# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The solution to helping kids get the opportunities they need to succeed.



Budget cuts, standardized tests, and charter expansion place too many of our children in unhealthy physical and emotional learning environments, and without a path to a successful future.

All students deserve inclusive, high quality education at equitable, just schools. That's why the Pittsburgh Public Schools board passed a Community Schools policy to start transforming our schools and our children's education.

## **Sustainable Community Schools in Pittsburgh will strengthen neighborhoods and help children succeed.**

The integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities. Community Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone—all day, every day, including evenings and weekends.

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## **What is a Community School?**

Sustainable Community Schools are created by a partnership between parents, teachers, school officials and community members. They are academically rigorous public schools that have:

- A positive climate and culture
- Robust, culturally-relevant curricula including the arts, physical education, career and technical education
- Inclusive before school and after-school programming
- College and career readiness programs
- Quality teaching and recruitment methods
- Authentic parent / family engagement

*Every child comes to school with different assets and barriers, but all children should have the same opportunity to learn and succeed.* That's why Community Schools partner with other organizations to address:

- Inadequate medical, dental, and vision care
- Food insecurity
- Environmental pollutants
- Family relations and family stress
- Neighborhood issues like housing, safety, etc.