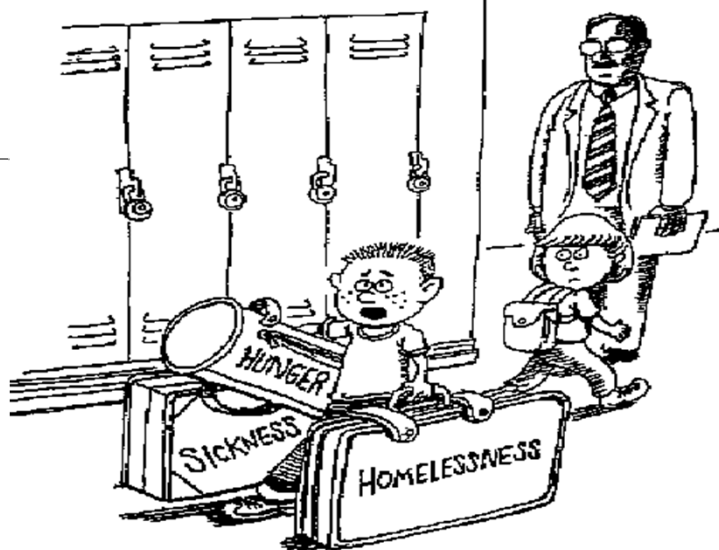


Community Schools: School-Based Improvement Strategy

Removing Barriers to Learning by Addressing the Needs of the Whole Child
May 13, 2019



"I'm late for math class."

Scott Spencer

What is a Community School?

A **STRATEGY** or **OPERATING SYSTEM** for organizing resources around students and families:

- Integrated academics, services, and supports
- Services are determined by community's unique assets and needs
- School is the hub and access point for services

8 Key Elements of a Community School

Rigorous Instruction & High Expectations

Extended Learning Time – School Year and/or School Day

Early Childhood Education

Family & Community Engagement

Adult Education and Workforce Development

Health and Mental Health Services

Social and Family Services

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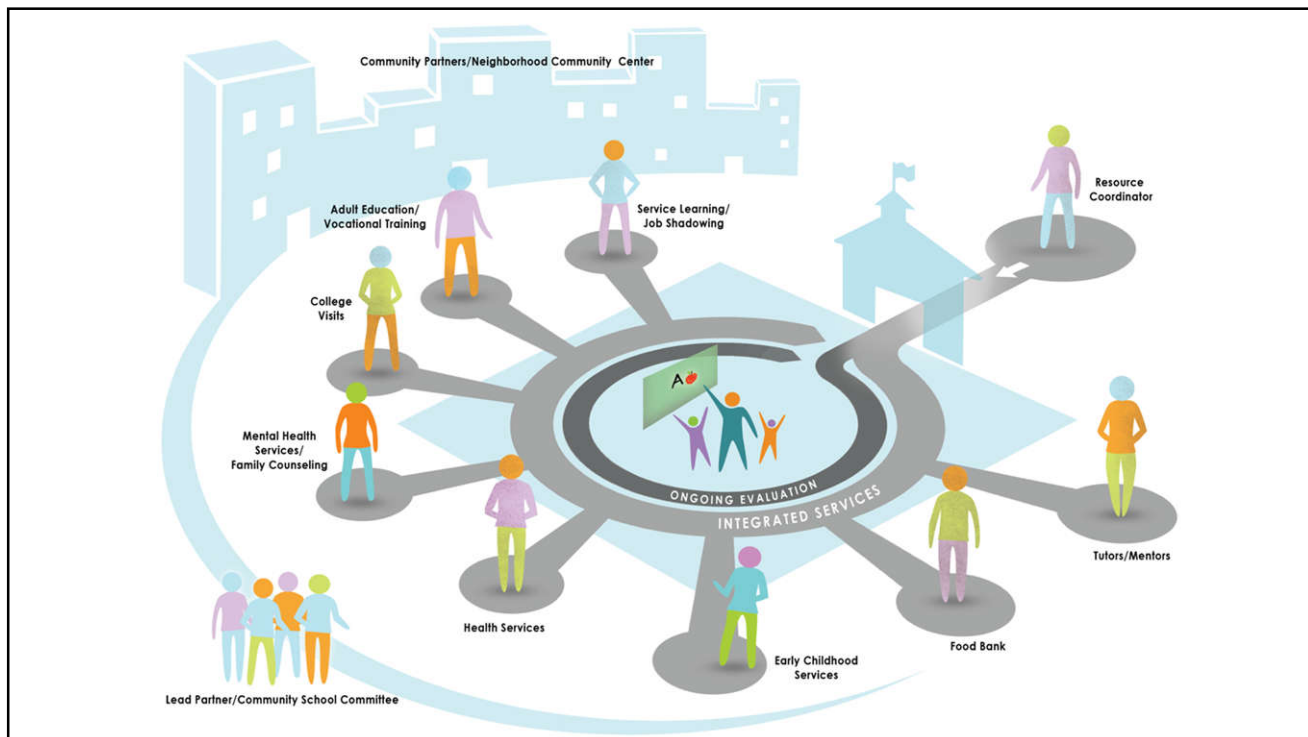
Just like smartphones, Community Schools give children and families to access to one or more services **when** and **how** they need them....



Conventional School Model



Community Schools



School #17 in 2015

- Recievership Designation
- Persistently Violent Designation
- Most Teaching – Worksheets and Modules
- No Parent Engagement
- Health Clinic – No Student Patients

School #17 Today: Community School Elements

- ✓ Engaging Curriculum and Project-Based Learning
- ✓ Extended School Day
- ✓ 3 and 4 year old Full-Day Pre-K
- ✓ Parent, Family and Community Engagement
- ✓ Health & Dental Clinic
- ✓ Clinical Mental Health Counselor On-Site

School #17 Short Term Results

- ↑ Increased Pre-K and Neighborhood Enrollment
- ↑ Improved Attendance
- ↑ Improved School Culture and Climate
- ↑ Improved Student Performance

Rochester's Community Schools

- Over 20 Schools in Rochester and at least one in Greece
- Strategy Requires Community Alignment
- Supports Success of Other Improvement Strategies

When Our Children Thrive, Our Community Thrives