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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
LEARNING EXCHANGE

All schools, community schools

Community Schools

Ethnic Media Services

Kids and Learning Loss: How Do We Catch Up?

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What IS a Community School?

Community Schools

A “whole child,” whole school improvement strategy, where districts and their schools:

- work closely with teachers, students, and families, and
- partner with community agencies and local government

to align community resources behind improving student outcomes.

*NOT a
collection of
co-located or
“wrap-around”
programs &
services*

Calamity Brings Clarity

- What can we learn from the way effective schools/districts pivoted from “business as usual?”
 - What is “most-essential” to good teaching and learning?
 - Centrality of family and student relationships
 - Integrated teacher and student supports
 - Collaborative leadership and practice
 - Student-centered learning
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So, what are we talking about...?

Family & Student Relationships

- Families and students are essential partners, not just “clients” or occasional stakeholders
- Youth voice, choice, and leadership

Collaborative Leadership & Staff

- Shared leadership to mobilize action and responsibility
- Dedicated staff to ensure alignment and coordination

Student-Centered Learning

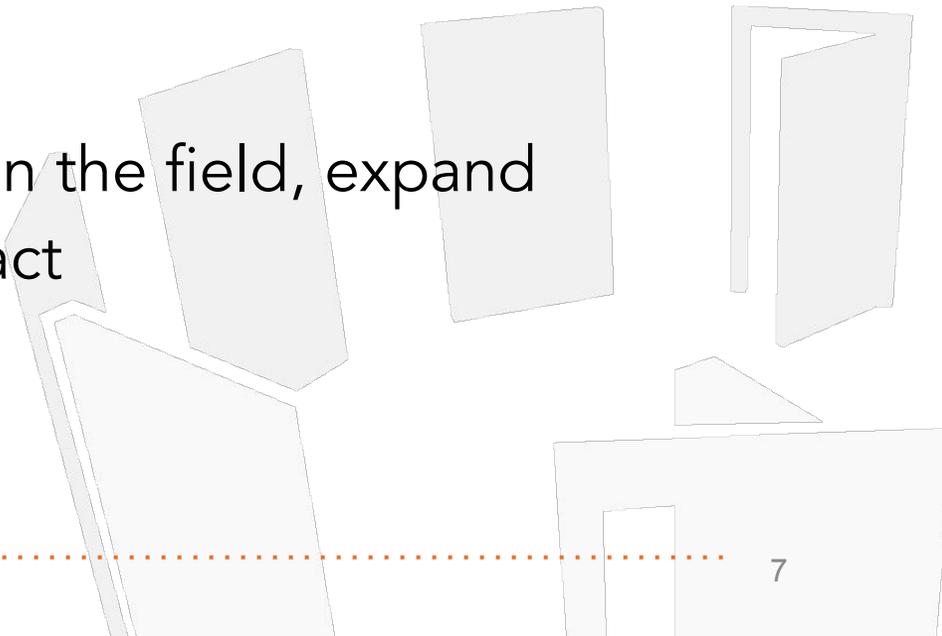
- Inclusive and responsive learning: all students are seen, valued, and supported to be successful learners
- Partners strengthen, extend, and deepen student learning

Integrated Student & Teacher Supports

- Proactive and responsive to holistic needs of students and staff
- Strategic partnerships to expand resources and capacity

WHY now?

Opportunities for Transformation



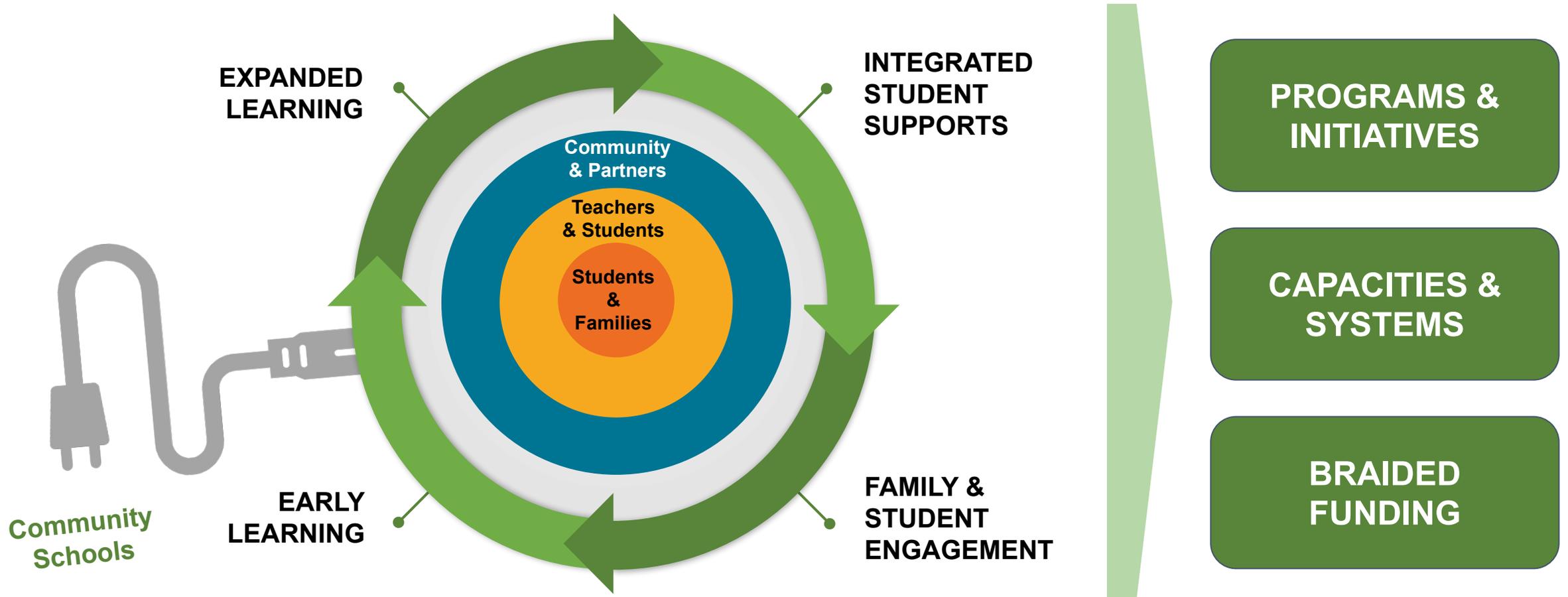
- Federal recovery dollars: over \$207B through the CARES Act (March 2020), omnibus bill (December 2020), and the American Rescue Plan (March 2021).
- Full Service Community Schools Expansion Bill: \$75M (increase from \$30M, FY'20)
- *Community Schools Forward* task force to align the field, expand opportunities, and scale with fidelity and impact

California's "Big Bet"

"A community school is any school serving pre-Kindergarten through high school students using a "whole-child" approach, with "an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement." California Community Schools Framework, Appendix C

- CA Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP)
- FY21: \$2.8B in funding for community school development and expansion
- Planning and Implementation Grants
- Leverage existing and new state dollars to support children, youth, families and communities

Community School Opportunities: Alignment and Coherence





WHERE is a Community School?

Examples of Community Schools

- Upstate New York: [Finger Lakes Community Schools](#)
- New York City: [Salomé Ureña Campus | Children's Aid](#)
- Boston: Community Hub Schools
- Kentucky: [Berea Independent School District](#)
- Illinois: [West Chicago Community Schools](#)
- Michigan: [Kent School Services Network](#)
- Utah: [United Way Greater Salt Lake Region](#)
- Oregon: [Schools Uniting Neighborhoods, Multnomah County](#)
- Southern CA: [Sycamore JHS](#) and Anaheim HS
- Oakland: [Oakland International HS](#)



The last word

A community school strategy is more than an add-on service or a response to COVID. It's about changing the culture, systems, and mindsets of public schools and how we work better and equitably with youth and family-serving organizations and institutions.

Implementation is not just about programs and services – though those are important – it's about prioritizing the relationships and human experiences of teaching and learning, and working as a community, doing everything possible to support children to thrive.