



Poughkeepsie City School District

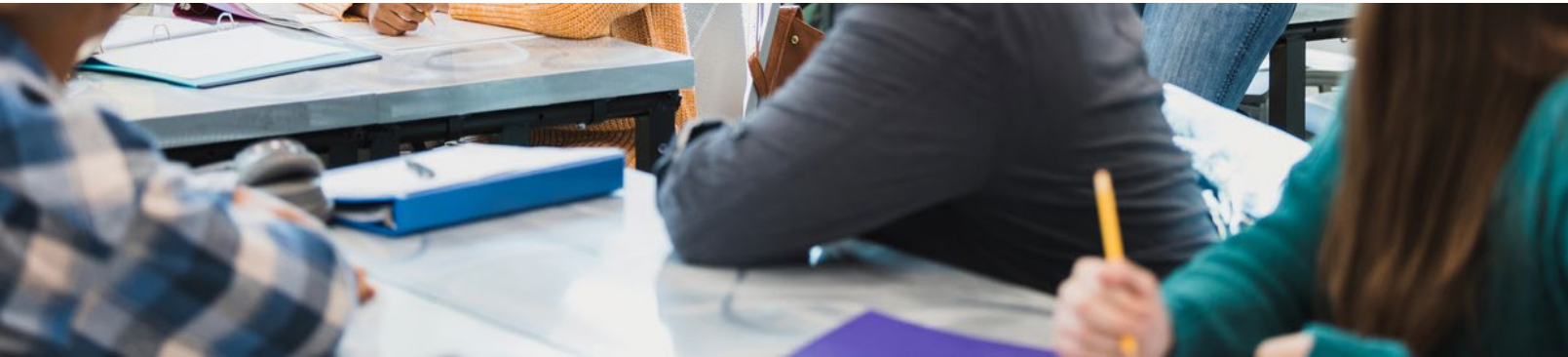
Community Schools Initiative





PCSD Mission Statement

“We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high-quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community.”



What do we **aspire** to accomplish with our Community Schools Initiative ?



Community Schools Metrics



- Increase academic **achievement**
- Increase student **attendance**
- Increase student and parent **engagement**
- Increase the **access** to adult education programs within the community
- Increase the **number of participants** attending the after-school / Saturday programs
- Improve the **school climate**, in support of school leadership, to be a welcoming and supportive environment for students and families
- Improved **student leadership** in school / community
- Improve the **health and wellness** of students
- Improve the **social-emotional well-being** of students
- Improve **community engagement** in the schools (higher education, business, city, county, community & faith-based organizations, etc.)
- Improve the **safe passage** to schools for students
- Decrease **tardiness**



Poughkeepsie City School District Schools Model

Goals and Outcomes:

1. Implement strong educational programs which reduce learning gaps, enrich and expand the curriculum, and strengthen parent and community engagement throughout all schools.
2. Implement high quality extended day and year long programs of excellence (e.g., academic, cultural, artistic, athletic, and needs-based).
3. Coordinate local resources to offer medical, dental, health & wellness for families.
4. Extend PCSD's involvement in the Prenatal to College & Career Success youth development space.



COMMUNITY SCHOOL PILLARS



Early Learning
Priority Pillar



**Integrated Student
& Family Supports**



**High Level
Community &
Family
Engagement**
Priority Pillar



**Expanded &
Enriched Learning
Opportunities**



**Collaborative
Leadership
Practices**

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PRIORITY PILLARS



Early Learning: Prenatal to Preschool

- ❑ Rollout of the PCSD Basics Program (Jan 2023)
- ❑ Established partnership with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health to provide preventative services and immunization assistance
- ❑ Distribution of *Beginning of Preschool* magazines to all incoming preschool families
- ❑ Community Schools staff participated in enrollment and orientation for all Pre-K classes
- ❑ Working with Ampact to provide Early Learning Core at the ELC
- ❑ Implementation of the Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Report



ACTIVITIES IN OUR PRIORITY PILLARS

Integrated Student and Family Supports

- ☐ Social Workers at every PCSD school
- ☐ Vision Clinics
- ☐ Mental Health Clinics (PMS & PHS)- opening soon
- ☐ Coat Drive in collaboration with Dutchess Outreach
- ☐ Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway
- ☐ Establishing food pantries at PMS and Warring
- ☐ Established Chat Arounds for bilingual families
- ☐ Hired bilingual public information officer (City and PCSD shared position)
- ☐ Free Legal Services offered to Families
- ☐ Released Family Needs Survey
- ☐ Established Parent Empowerment Center (PEC)
- ☐ Began construction of the 2nd PEC @ Warring School



ACTIVITIES IN OUR PRIORITY PILLARS

High Level Family & Community Engagement

- ☐ Community School Liaisons supported appropriated to each school
- ☐ Bridges to Poughkeepsie + Back to School Bash
- ☐ Information Screens installed at all PCSD schools
- ☐ All CS Liaisons attended Taconic Regional PTA training and assisted each building in starting a PTA
- ☐ Parent Empowerment Center Workshops
 - ☐ Talks with DCC to provide parent workshops at DCC & Family Partnership Center
- ☐ Hiring Parent Liaisons to each school
- ☐ English classes for undocumented PCSD parents/guardians
- ☐ Adult Education Class
- ☐ Member of the Strategic Planning Team with HCZ to develop a 10 year cradle-to-career plan for all children in PK City
- ☐ Launch of the ICare Initiative (Jan. 2023)

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PRIORITY PILLARS



Expanded and Enriched Learning Opportunities

- ☐ Art and Music Programming at every PCSD School
- ☐ Fulltime School Librarians at every PCSD School
- ☐ School Fieldtrips
- ☐ K-12 Extended Learning Opportunities
 - ☐ Mindful Mornings @ ELC
 - ☐ Extended Learning After School Programming (Other Schools)
- ☐ Saturday Morning Lights Programming
 - ☐ SML Recreational & Enrichment Activities provided by CBOs
- ☐ Summer Lights at Camp Nooteeming
- ☐ Technology upgrades at all schools
- ☐ 1:1 Instructional devices for Students
- ☐ Instructional devices issued to Teachers and Teaching Assistants
- ☐ Online Age and developmentally Appropriate Literacy Resources

SATURDAY MORNING LIGHTS

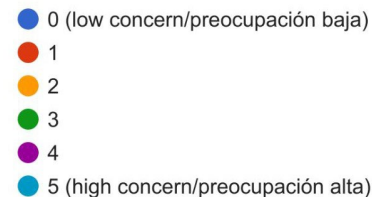


The Lights Initiative was developed as a partnership between dedicated staff and community members to provide PCSD youth with an extended learning environment where they can develop positively as youth.

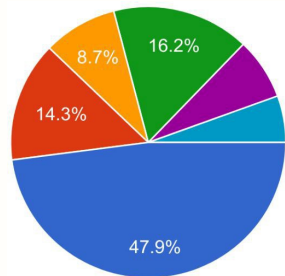
Saturday Morning Lights is the Poughkeepsie City School District Community Schools flagship initiative that provides PCSD students in grades PreK-12 and their families the opportunity to engage in academic enrichment, positive youth development, and family bonding experiences.



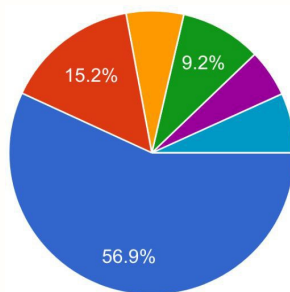
Family Needs Assessment Results



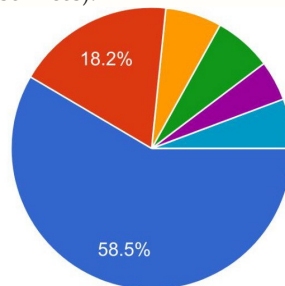
Food Insecurity (lack of consistent access to enough healthy food for self/family):



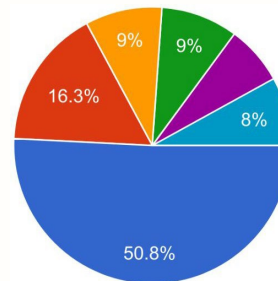
Unstable Housing (difficulty paying rent, staying with friends/relatives, moving often):



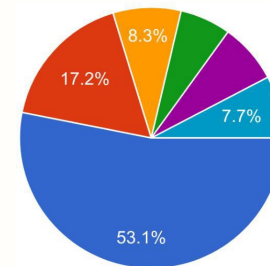
Medical Support (finding insurance or medical, dental, and mental health services):



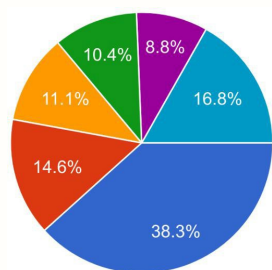
Employment/Financial Assistance (finding/applying to jobs, making ends meet):



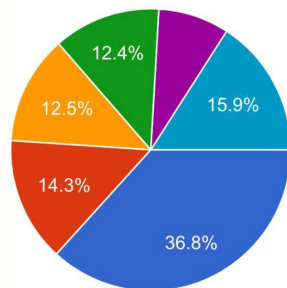
Education (GED prep courses or diploma readiness, Higher Ed. applications, job training):



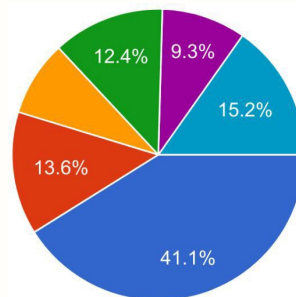
After Hours Programming (academic activities, extracurriculars, transportation):



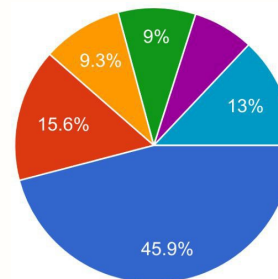
Classroom Support (meeting academic goals, teacher support, school/classroom culture):



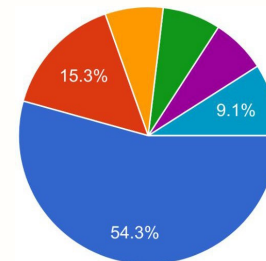
Tutoring (SAT/ACT and Regents prep, homework help, ELL support):



Childcare (before/after school or full day programs):



Child with Exceptionalities (need additional support for your child outside of school)



Assessed from 649 responses

ICARE Initiative



ICARE is a **community engagement strategy** built upon an **infrastructure** of **critical partners** who support the **academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs** of children within the Poughkeepsie City School District, establishing a community **network** of **community-based organizations, businesses, families, and individuals** who **support, elevate, and celebrate** children of Poughkeepsie City schools, while at the same time reinforcing **community pride** and **commitment** to our community's most cherished asset – **our children**.

Designed to engage community & family, there are **five entry points** for school and community stakeholders to **join ICARE**

Philanthropy

Organizations, businesses, and community members donate goods, services, or other items that may be of benefit to student academic, social, emotional and wellness needs and/or their families.

Pride Boosters

Organizations, businesses, community members, and parents/caregivers serve as PCSD Champions always willing to encourage, promote, and empower PCSD students.

Safe Passage

Organizations, businesses and homes support the safe passage of students as they transition to and from school, being a watchful eye and potentially providing a safe haven for students, ensuring their safety.

Volunteerism

Organizations, businesses and community members may offer their time supporting district and school activities, or being a mentor to a PCSD student.

Incentives & Rewards

Businesses and organizations incentivize and reward students for their accomplishments in academic, athletic, or extracurricular activities.



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QUESTIONS?

