

# SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

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## Community School framework poised to be major game changer for all PCSD schools

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, superintendent of schools, presented the Poughkeepsie City School District Community Framework to the Board of Education and community Tuesday, June 23, 2020 during a BOE special meeting. Having direct experience in the development of the Buffalo Public Schools community school model, Dr. Rosser presented what school districts seeking to create and enhance their community school models should aspire to accomplish in reaching that goal. Strong Community Schools support families using a “full service” model to increase student outcomes and improve the surrounding community. Health, legal, and mental health clinics; higher education and business partnerships; strong academic programming; incorporating innovative technology into the academic program; extended time programming; extracurricular activities; parent engagement and support; adult and community education programs, and family social services supports are some examples of what comprise a full service model.



The presentation outlined a phased approach to Poughkeepsie City School District implementing the Community School initiative. Phase I will include:

### Academic Supports

- Full-time Librarians at every school
- One-to-one instructional devices
- On-line supplemental instructional programs and age appropriate literacy resources
- Academic, cultural, artistic, and needs based field trips
- Full-time Art teachers in every school
- 40 weeks of extended day K-12 academic, social, emotional and wellness programming
- Enhanced College and Career Planning (High School)

### Social and Emotional Supports

- Full-time Social Workers in every building
- Enhanced Student Leadership opportunities at each school

### Safe Passage

- Walking School Bus (Elementary Schools)
- Continued Dutchess County Transportation (Middle & High School)
- Community led Safe Passage Program (Middle & High School)

### Parent Supports

- Poughkeepsie City School District Parent Empowerment Center
- Parent Empowerment Workshops
- 3 Poughkeepsie City School District Parent and Community Advocates

### Enhanced Community Partnerships

- Additional academic, social, emotional and wellness supports for students

