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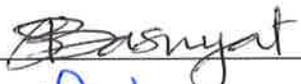
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COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY ROUTING SLIP

Meeting Date August 22, 2016

TITLE: COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

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TITLE: COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION:

- Inform/Update
- Direction/Guidance
- Legislative Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

According to the Coalition for Community Schools, a community school is “both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources.” Using public schools as hubs, partners in academics, health and social services, youth and community development work together to make an array of supporting programs and opportunities available to both students and the community.

David Greenberg, Assistant Director of Ngage New Mexico, will present this topic and its application in Las Cruces. Ngage New Mexico is a non-profit organization based in Las Cruces that provides backbone support to the *SUCCESS! Partnership* which is composed of parents, teachers, students, elected officials, school administrators, faith-based leaders, non-profit organizations, judges, health professionals, business leaders, and other community members.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

N/A

Community Schools in Las Cruces

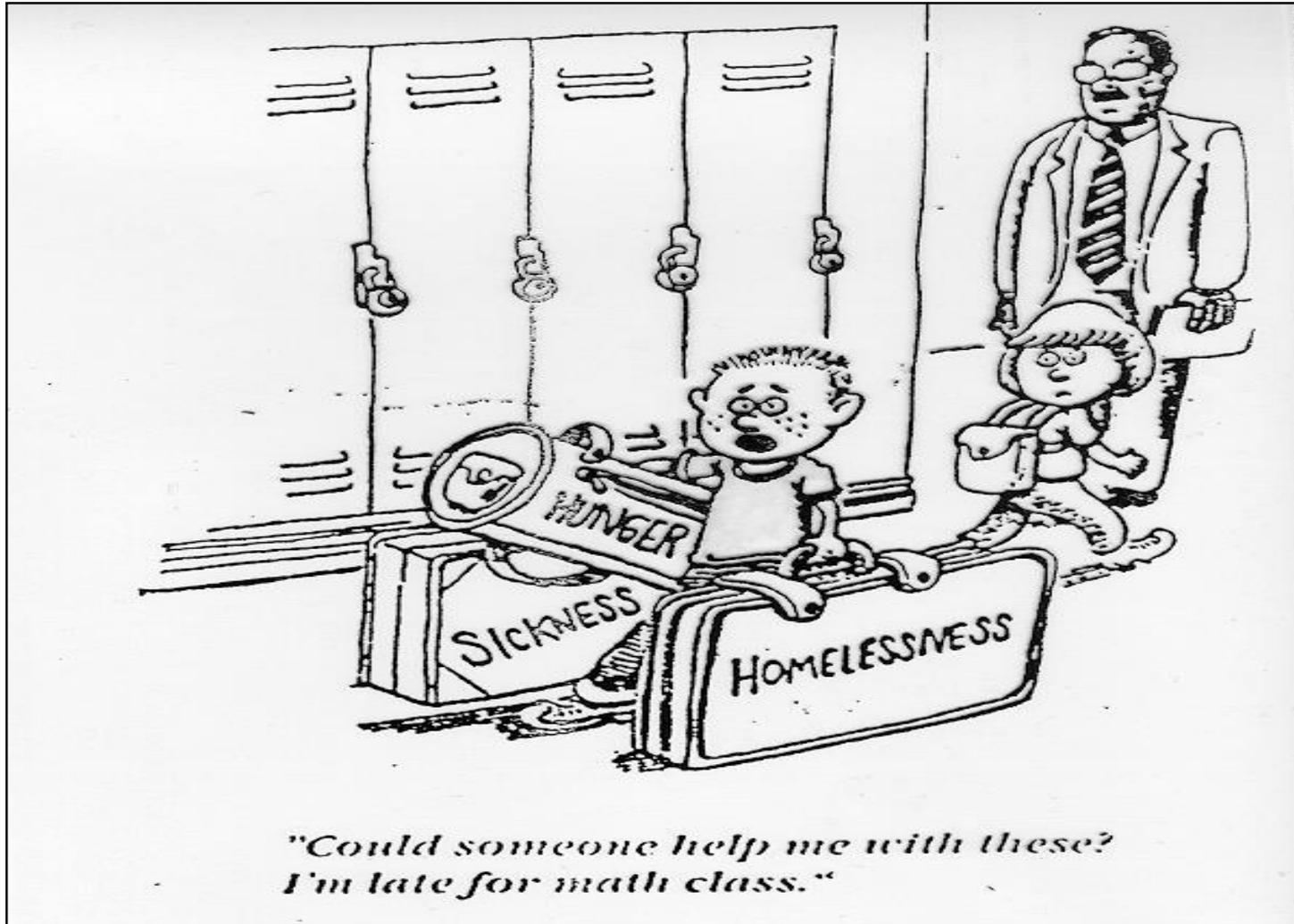


Why community schools?

- If a child comes to school hungry....they cannot learn
- If a child comes to school sick...they cannot learn
- If a child comes to school worried about immigration, unemployment or violence...they cannot learn
- If a child's family does not have the information, resources and stability to support them....they cannot learn
- If a child does not come to school...they cannot learn

Our community must address childhood poverty and obstacles to learning so children can reach their full potential!

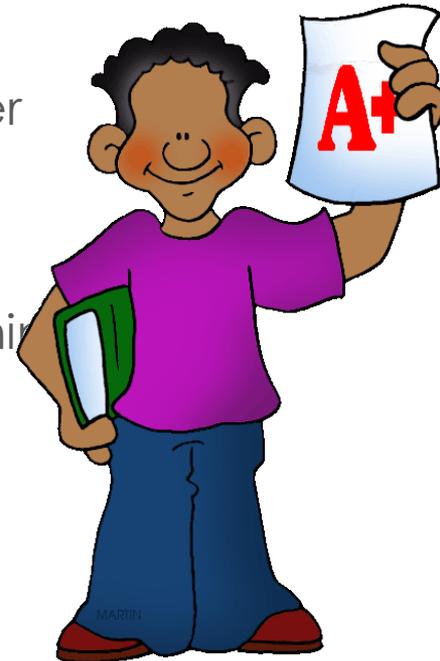
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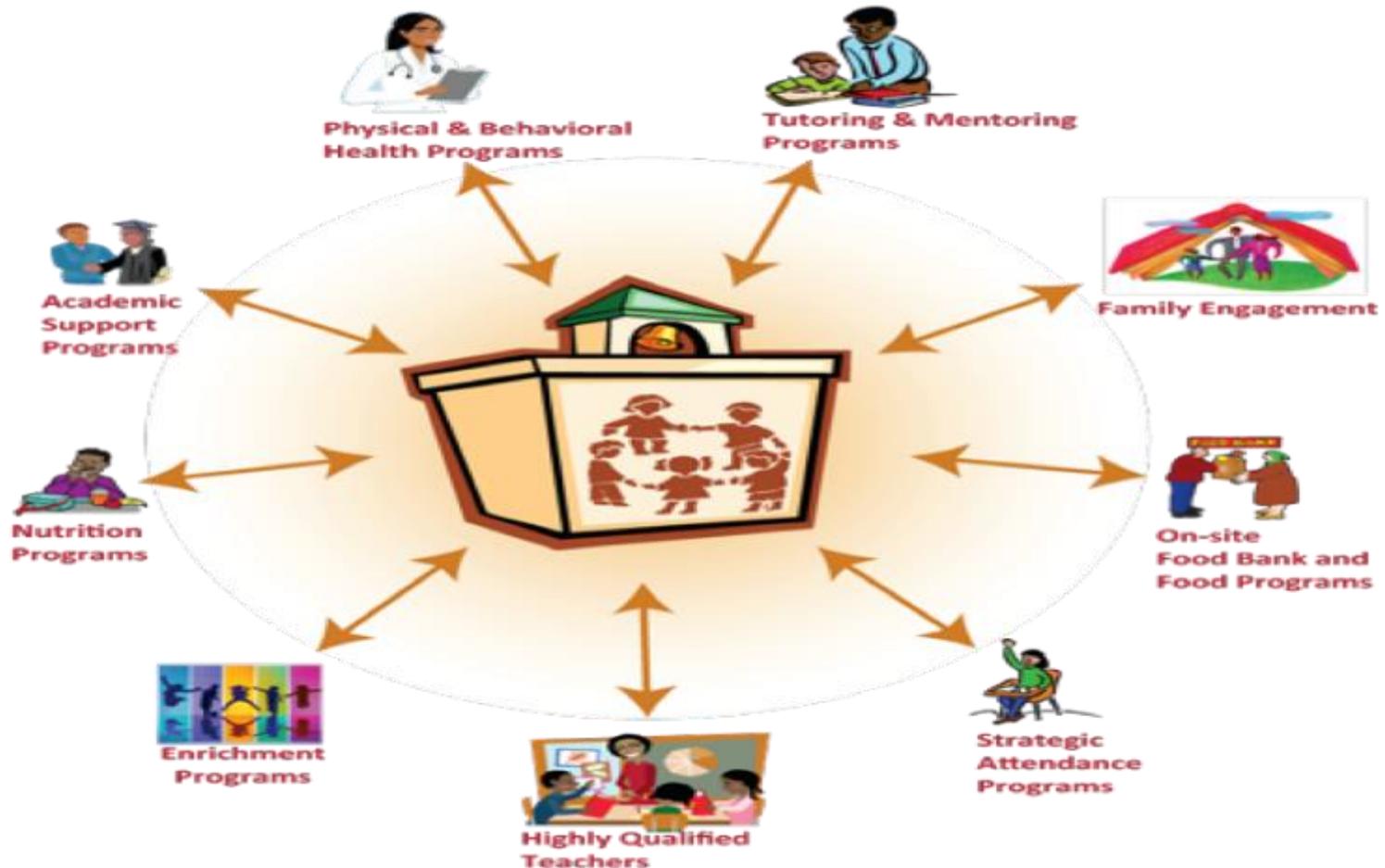
What *are* community schools?

It's a **neighborhood hub**...

- Parents and community members are leaders in a team to design a plan for the community school and carry it out.
- Schools are open in the afternoon, on weekends and during the summer to offer arts, sports, college and career preparation, tutoring, life skills and more.
- Adult education, English as a Second Language, job training, crisis assistance, housing assistance and leadership development for parents and community residents
- On-site medical, dental and mental health and social services for children, families and the community
- Full-time Resource Coordinator to support community school



Community schools serve the entire community



Proven results of community schools

- ▣ National studies have found that strong community schools have:
 - ▣ **higher** student attendance
 - ▣ **higher** graduation rates and lower dropout rates
 - ▣ **higher** reading and math scores
 - ▣ **improved** school climate, including teacher morale and student behavior
 - ▣ **greater** parent engagement
 - ▣ **lower rates** of neighborhood crime and violence.

Proven results of community schools

- When Cincinnati converted all their schools into community schools, the graduation rate rose from **51%** to **82%**, and the racial achievement gap dropped enormously.
- A study of the Children's Aid Society community schools in NYC found that **\$1 spent** on community schools generates **\$10-15 in social value.**

Las Cruces Public Schools Welcomes Community Schools

- In April, the Las Cruces Public School board passed a resolution that officially supports the community school model
- We appointed a district-wide community school liaison
- Through the local community school coalition, we have secured partial funding to transform Lynn Middle School into our city's first community school
- After Lynn is up and running, our goal is to help support the transition of all schools that would like to become community schools

Benefits to the Work of the City

- Using school facilities as meeting places, so that we have a consistent and familiar environment to meet with constituents.
- Connecting with residents for the purpose of spreading information or conducting surveys and gathering data
- Building on existing relationships with Parks and Recreation and LCPS to offer expanded extra-curricular services for youth

Alignment with City Strategic Plan

- 1. Foster Regional collaboration and partnerships to maximize mutually beneficial outcomes
- 3. Provide cost-effective municipal services
- 4. Utilize multiple forums to receive and respond to customer needs
- 5. Provide services and programs that are an asset to the City at large

Alignment with City Strategic Plan

- 7. Provide reliable, consistent, clear, timely information to maximize decision-making and transparency
- 12. Reduce crime and threat of crime in our community
- 23. Support neighborhood vitality and downtown revitalization
- 25. Increase educational, recreational and cultural opportunities and amenities

Alignment with City Comprehensive Plan

- Goal 5.6: Locate City facilities in areas most appropriate to their primary function so that they may better serve their target populations
- Goal 7.3: Promote and maintain a balanced system of community and social services for the health, safety and welfare of all Las Cruces' residents
- Goal 45.5: Continue to foster cooperation between, encourage the shared utilization of facilities and provide training and professional development needs at places such as WSMR, NASA, Spaceport, NMSU, DACC, and Las Cruces Public Schools

Alignment with City Comprehensive Plan

- Goal 46.6: Work cooperatively with local schools, New Mexico State University, clubs, individuals, businesses, religious organizations, neighborhood groups and other similar organizations on the design, creation, connectivity, use and maintenance of trails, parks, facilities and open space
- Goal 46.7: Strengthen the cooperative joint-use agreement with the school district involving the creation of playgrounds, parks and the use of auditoriums and classrooms as a means of conserving money, reducing the demand for open space and parks, and supporting outreach efforts regarding community issues

Next Steps

- We would like to ask the council to appoint an interdepartmental team of city staff to further consider the city's role in the community school's movement

Thank you for the city's support for this critical initiative with incredible potential for our community