



Council Work Session Summary

Meeting Date: October 19, 2016

TITLE: COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION:

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Update on community schools and the Success Partnership, update on Lynn Middle School, Next Steps at Lynn Middle School and future expansion of Community Schools, Las Cruces Public Schools and City of Las Cruces community school partnership ideas.

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SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. N/A

Update on Community Schools in Las Cruces Public Schools



Community Schools in Las Cruces Public Schools

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Mary Parr-Sanchez, LCPS Truancy Coach and NEA-NM Vice President

David Greenberg, NGAGE NM

Why community schools?

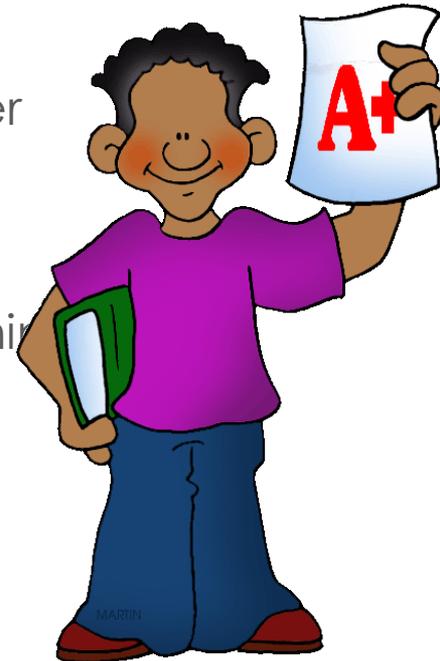
- If a child comes to school hungry....they cannot learn
- If a child comes to school sick...they cannot learn
- If a child comes to school worried about immigration, unemployment or violence...they cannot learn
- If a child's family does not have the information, resources and stability to support them....they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

Schools must address these obstacles so children can reach their full potential!

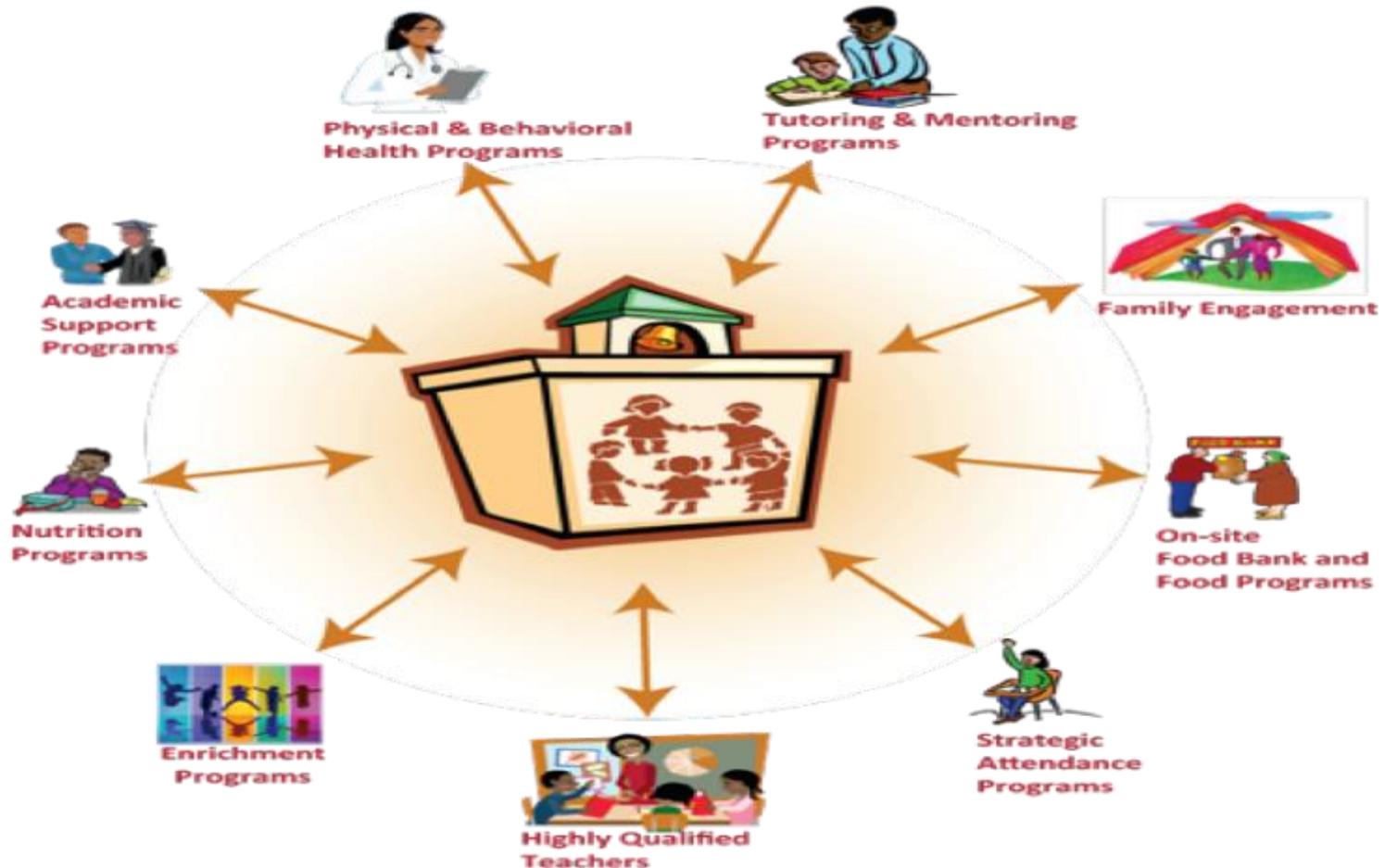
What *are* community schools?

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.

Community Schools in Doña Ana County



SUCCESS! Partnership



The Success Partnership is a collection of parents, students, teachers, nonprofits, community members, businesses, district administrators, elected officials, judges, and health representatives who are committed to the idea that “education is a shared responsibility”



Lynn Middle School

- Community Schools is not an initiative but a change in culture
- Success Partnership supporting all within the school community and the overall school mission to increase student success and to build a safe and inviting place for the entire community.
- LMS Vision: Inspiring Cougars today to create a better tomorrow
- LMS Mission: LMS Embraces student diversity and prepares life-long learners to achieve excellence within themselves through academics, the arts, and athletics.

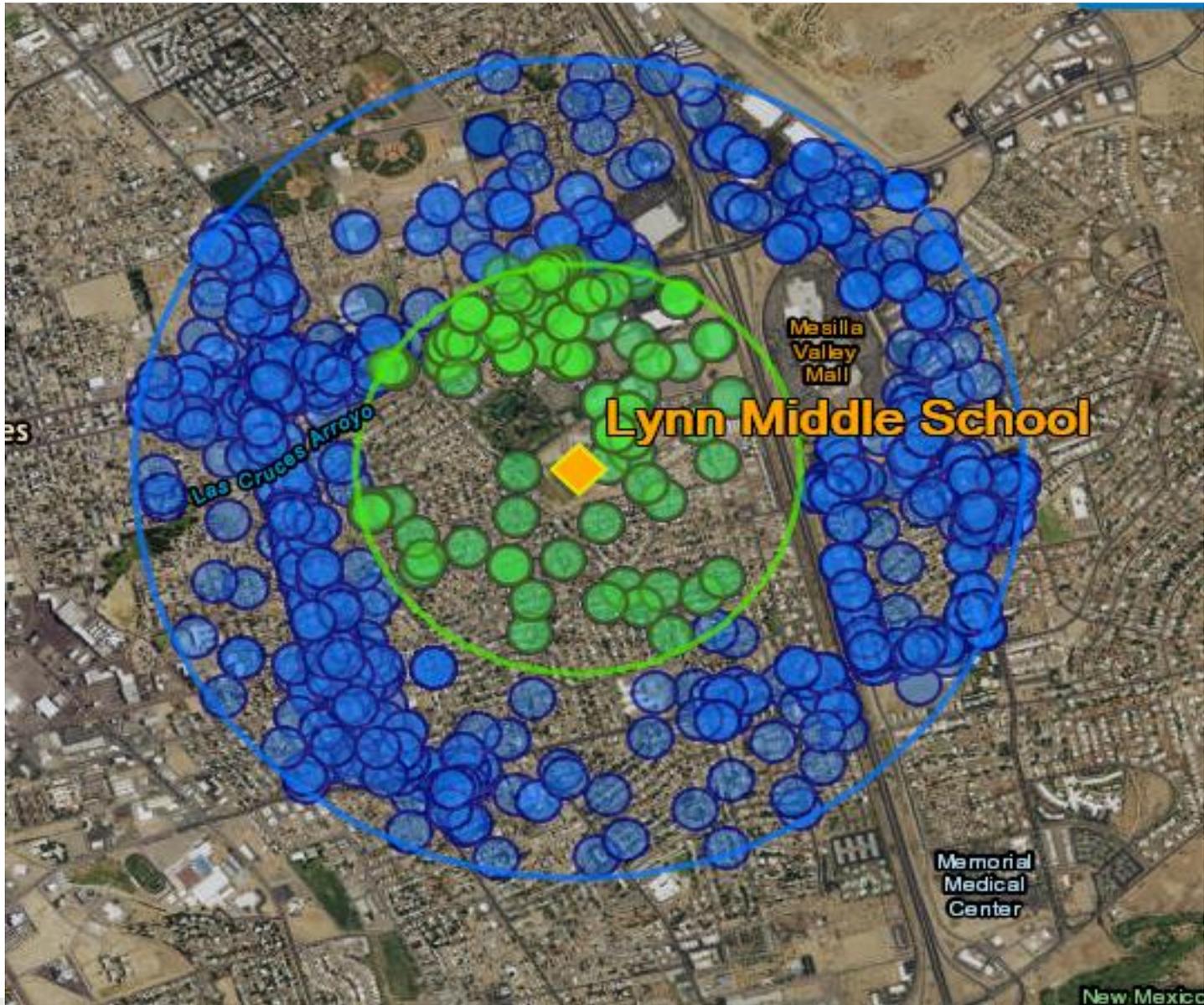
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- Fall Welcome Back Open House
- LMS Staff Engagement Team
- LMS Parent Engagement Team
- LMS Student Success Team
- Lynn Stakeholder Group—accepting letters of interest

Lynn Middle School

- Next Steps
- Stakeholder Assessment, Alignment, and Action
- Lynn Stakeholder Group—Hire coordinator
- Get started providing support and services to entire Lynn Community
- Sustainability
- Future Partnerships and Supports

Geo-Spatial Map of Businesses



Thank you for your hard work supporting our Amazing Community



We stand for
Questions.