

Full-Service Community Schools Program- ED Abstract Narrative

Paterson Schools and Community Partners: Empowering Students and Families, Together We Can

Key Project Goals:

Goal 1: All students will attend each school day fully ready to learn.

Goal 2: Families will be actively involved in bettering their own lives and helping their children do the same.

Goal 3: Targeted neighborhoods within Paterson will be stronger, safer and more supportive of the needs and goals of their residents.

Brief Project Description/Comprehensive Plan: Paterson Public Schools will open two new community schools; Public School 2 and John F. Kennedy Educational Complex High School. Paterson will implement the Cradle to Career approach to develop a pipeline of services to support our youngest community members from birth through college/career within a targeted neighborhood in Paterson. Community partners with a history of effectiveness have been identified to support the schools to implement services such as high quality after school and summer programs, partnership with a local early childhood center, mentorship programs, college and career readiness, adult education and workforce readiness, and school-based health clinics to address physical and mental health needs.

List of key partner entities that will assist in coordinating or providing services: New Jersey Community Development Corporation, Paterson Education Fund, Oasis- A Haven- Women & Children, Felician University, Health & Wellness, ActKnowledge, Workshops hosted by Veteran Full Service principal.

Expected outcomes: The Paterson School District expects to implement programs and services to boost academic and youth development performances while increasing student attendance and assisting families and community members in need through work and health opportunities.

Description of target population to be served (estimated number of individuals to be served and general profile of community): The designated schools to implement the Full-Service Community Schools Program are located in a highly populated, urban area in Paterson, New Jersey. 29.1% of the population now live below the poverty line, a number that is higher than the national average of 14%. Paterson's current median family income of \$25,622 is 48% less than the national average of \$53,046, despite high cost of living. The population is 58.9% Latino, and 32.2% Black, and 30.9% foreign born. Nearly 60% of residents speak a language other than English at home. Crime rates are high; car theft is 386.7 times the national average, the murder rate is 9.6 times the national average. Students range from Pre-Kindergarten to twelfth grade. The total number of students to be served by this project initiative is approximately 2,660.

Description of FSCS schools (Grades and Title I Status).

The schools to implement the Full-Service Community Schools Programs are John F. Kennedy Educational Complex High School serving 2,058 students in grades 9-12 and Paterson Public School #2 serving 602 students in grades K-8. JFK houses four theme-based high school academies that function as separate schools under one roof with a focus on construction and architecture trades, business and finance, education and teacher preparation, and science and technology. Both schools are classified Title I schools.