

Full-Service Community Schools Program (FSCS) Project Abstract FY 2022

Applicant Name: Stilwell Public School District

Project Title: Prioritize, Learn to balance, Assess regularly, and Never stop looking for ways to be better (PLAN)

Absolute Priority the Project Addresses: (select all that apply)

- Absolute Priority 1 – Title IA Schoolwide Program Eligibility
- Absolute Priority 2 – Title IA Schoolwide Eligibility and Rural Districts – Small and Rural or Rural and Low-Income
- Absolute Priority 3 – Capacity Building and Development Grants
- Absolute Priority 4 – Multi-Local Educational Agency Grants
- Absolute Priority 5 – FSCS State Scaling Grants

Competitive Preference Priorities the Project Addresses: (select all that apply)

- Competitive Preference Priority 1—Meeting Student Social, Emotional, and Academic Needs
- Competitive Preference Priority 2—Strengthening Cross-Agency Coordination and Community Engagement to Advance Systemic Change

Total number local educational agencies (LEAs) to be served by the project: One (1) LEA

Total number of schools to be served by the project: Three (3)

Total estimated number of students to be served by the project: 1,460 per year

Brief description of proposed project, including project activities: The Stilwell Public School District (SPSD) and its community partners are proposing to create and sustain three full-service community schools (FSCS) in Stilwell, Oklahoma, known as “The Most Cherokee Community in the USA” and the poorest township in the State. The “Prioritize, Learn to balance, Assess regularly, and Never stop looking for ways to be better (PLAN)” project will transform three Title I rural and low-income schools into FSCS. The three schools are Stilwell Elementary School (PK to Grade 4), Stilwell Middle School (Grade 5 to Grade 8), and Stilwell High School (Grade 9 to Grade 12). SPSD has a childcare center onsite serving children from birth to three-years-old, solidifying the commitment to serve Stilwell’s children from cradle-to-career.

The PLAN Project includes active participation by an initial consortium of 11 partners comprised of a broad representation of nonprofit, public, and private stakeholders, including The Cherokee Nation, Stilwell Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Adair County DHS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County, Carl Albert State College (CASC), Mid-America Christian University (MACU), Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC), Adair County Emergency Management, and Adair County Health Department.

The PLAN Project partners will build the capacity and development of three FSCS to fully implement and sustain the effective components. In Years One – Five, the program will enhance the existing pipeline services at each school. SPS currently offers some components of each of the eight pipeline services, which will be enhanced by the proposed grant goals, objectives, and outcomes.

Summary of project objectives and expected outcomes: The PLAN project has 15 measurable objectives including the hiring of three full-time Community Coordinators and a full-time Project Director to implement and sustain the project activities. Led by the PLAN Project partners, a Community Needs Assessment will identify gaps in pipeline services and action plans will be developed to implement service gaps. The project activities will focus on increased family engagement, increased focus on evidenced-based academic instruction, including culturally relevant elements, at each school, expanded learning opportunities for grades Pre-K–8, including math, reading, and STEM interventions, intensive paraprofessionals in targeted subject areas, decreasing chronic absenteeism, increasing health and wellness screenings, and increased access to ESL classes.

Proposed location(s) of implementation (e.g., city, town, county, State(s)): Stilwell, Adair County, Oklahoma

List all LEAs that will be partnering with this project, including rural designation under the Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program or the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) program if applicable: Stilwell Public School District has designation as a Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) program.

List all non-LEA organizations partnering with this project: The Cherokee Nation, Stilwell Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Adair County DHS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County, Carl Albert State College (CASC), Mid-America Christian University (MACU), Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC), Adair County Emergency Management, and Adair County Health Department.