

Full-Service Community Schools Program- ED Abstract Narrative

Full-Service Community Schools: Paving the Way Toward a Promising Tomorrow

Key Project Goals:

Goal 1: All students will attend each school day fully ready to learn with support from expanded and enriched in-school and out-of-school time (OST) learning opportunities; college- and career-readiness programming; offerings for kindergarteners and their families; and student supports that address the multi-faceted social, emotional, behavioral, physical, and mental health needs of FSCS students.

Goal 2: Families and members of the targeted communities will improve their lives while creating stronger, safer, and more supportive neighborhoods.

Goal 3: Paterson Public Schools will build capacity in building and administering full-service community schools that are accessible, effective, and sustainable beyond federal funding.

Brief Project Description/Comprehensive Plan: Paterson Public Schools will partner with two community schools; Public School 16 and the Alonzo T Moody Academy (a nontraditional high school). Paterson will expand existing pipeline services and develop new pipeline services to support students, families, and community members 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, summer and Saturday programs, mentorship programs, adult education and workforce readiness, school-based health centers to address medical and mental health needs, and programs in juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation programs.

List of key partner entities that will assist in coordinating or providing services: Paterson Public Schools, Paterson Education Fund, Oasis- A Haven-Women & Children, Health & Wellness, Children's Aid Society, Paterson Police Department, Passaic Probation Department, Paterson Youth Services Bureau, NJ Reentry Corporation, Wafaa Organization, Metis Associates.

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

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 in a highly populated, urban area in Paterson, New Jersey. 29% of families live below the poverty line, a number that is higher than the national average of 14.9%. Paterson's current median family income of [REDACTED] is substantially less than the national average of [REDACTED], despite the high cost of living. Of the 39.0% of those in the workforce, the unemployment in Paterson is 11% compared to New Jersey's 9.5% employment rate. The population is 61% Hispanic, and 32.3% African American 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 and the total number of students to be served by this project initiative is approximately 980.

Description of FSCS schools (Grades and Title 1 Status).

The schools to implement the Full-Service Community Schools Programs are the Alonzo Tambua Moody Academy (ATM), a nontraditional setting for disaffected/disruptive high school youth serving up to 200 students/year in grades 9-12 and will provide services for at-risk youth. School 16, a PreK-8 school serving 855 students, will focus on academic intervention, programs for recently immigrated students and families, and the development of a Family Center. Both schools are classified Title I and receive schoolwide support.