

Abstract for APLUS: Avoyelles Parish Lifting Up Students

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PROJECT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: Provide in- and out-of-school support for students, address well-being, and address out-of-school barriers to learning through partnerships.

1.1 Increase availability of physical and mental health support for students.

1.2 Reduce barriers to student attendance and engagement through integrated supports from partner agencies.

GOAL 2: Provide expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities, through evidence-based strategies

2.1 Increase opportunities for STEM enrichment, literacy, and project based learning.

2.2 Increase access to expanded learning time after school and in the summer to support student growth.

GOAL 3: Bring parents, families, and community members into the school by making the school a hub for services, providing centralized supports for families, and of ering adults desired educational opportunities.

.1 Improve coordination of services.

.2 Increase participation in community events.

GOAL 4: Build a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and shared responsibility for each community school

4.1 Build teacher capacity through targeted professional development.

.2 Build leader capacity through collaborative networks.

LEA Partner: Avoyelles Parish School Board. APLUS will serve 828 K-6 students in two rural elementary schools - Riverside Elementary School (Simmesport, LA) and Plaquemine Elementary (Plaquemine, LA).

Initial Non-LEA Partners The Orchard Foundation, Governor's Office of Rural Revitalization, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, United Way of Central Louisiana, Mayor of Plaquemine, Mayor of Simmesport, Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, The Rapides Foundation, Eat Move Grow, Food Bank of Central Louisiana, STEM Center Region 6, and Career Compass.

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Applicant Name: The Orchard Foundation (lead) and Avoyelles Parish Schools

Project Title: APLUS: Avoyelles Parish Lifting Up Students

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: 1

Total number of schools to be served by the project: 2

Total estimated number of students to be served by the project: 828

Brief description of proposed project, including project activities: APLUS: Avoyelles Parish Lifting Up Students, a project of The Orchard Foundation (nonprofit) and Avoyelles Parish School Board (RLIS-eligible LEA), will transform two Title I elementary schools in rural Central Louisiana into full-service community schools. Under Absolute Priority 2 and Absolute Priority 3, APLUS will further develop the capacity, infrastructure, and partnerships to improve and enhance the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for students, their families, and community members, ultimately providing a holistic pipeline of academic, social, and health services. Funding from the US Department of Education will support a full-time FSCS Coordinator at each school site to steer the sustainable implementation of the four pillars of full-service community schools. This project also addresses Competitive Preference Priorities 1 and 2. APLUS goals are aligned with the four FSCS pillars.

Summary of project objectives and expected outcomes:

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Proposed location(s) of implementation (e.g., city, town, county, State(s)): At Riverside Elementary School (Simmesport, LA) and Plaquemine Elementary (Plaquemine, LA), both in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

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: Avoyelles Parish School Board, NCES ID 2200150, is RLIS eligible under school codes 32, 42, and 43.

List all non-LEA organizations partnering with this project: The Orchard Foundation, Governor's Office of Rural Revitalization, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, United Way of Central Louisiana, Mayor of Plaquemine, Mayor of Simmesport, Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, The Rapides Foundation, Eat Move Grow, Food Bank of Central Louisiana, STEM Center Region 6, Career Compass.