

**Full-Service Community Schools Program (FSCS)
Project Abstract FY 2023**

Applicant Name: Rocketship Education Wisconsin

Project Title: Unleashing Potential Full-Service Community Schools

Absolute Priority the Project Addresses:

- Absolute Priority 1 – Title IA Schoolwide Program Eligibility
- Absolute Priority 3 – Capacity Building and Development Grants

Competitive Preference and Invitational Priorities the Project Addresses:

- 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
- Invitational Priority—Supporting Effective Transition Practices, Continuity of Services, and Aligned Instruction for Students from Early Childhood into Kindergarten and into Grades K–3.

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: 850

Brief description of proposed project, including project activities: Rocketship Education Wisconsin’s Unleashing Potential Full-Service Community Schools project aims to accelerate academic achievement, support family well-being, develop and retain high-performing educators, and elevate parent power in advocating for educational equity and systems-change across Milwaukee so that all students and families across the city have access to high-quality K-12 educational opportunities, leading to improved social outcomes for residents.

Key project activities include 1) **high-quality and individualized education resources and integrated student supports**, with a key focus on social emotional learning and a multi-tiered system of supports for students; 2) **expanded and enriched learning time opportunities**, including additional afterschool resources, summer school, Kinder Camp, enrichment classes, and tutoring; 3) **active family and community engagement**, including home visits, community resource and educational workshops, community K-12 pipeline events, capacity building and leadership development in community organizing for parents and residents, strong partnerships with the police department to support public safety, and nonpartisan voter registration; and 4) **collaborative leadership and practices** that provide the foundation for implementing all key activities with collective buy-in from all stakeholders, leading to strong academic results, retention of high-quality and diverse staff, and engaged families and residents.

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Summary of project objectives and expected outcomes: Through the implementation of key project activities, Rocketship Education Wisconsin, together with cross sector public and private partners, strives to make improvements that lead to the following **long-term** outcomes: 1) students exceed grade level benchmarks; 2) students are socially and emotionally healthy; 3) student subgroup achievement gaps are reduced; 4) access to and utilization of community wraparound resources increases; 5) Rocketship alumni families utilize their power to demand high-quality education to improve the entire K-12 public school ecosystem; 6) community members use their power to influence local decision-making to improve community conditions; 7) family and community social mobility and capacity increases; and 8) Rocketship community schools are in a strong financial situation for long-term sustainability. Overall, programming will lead to the following high-level outcomes: children are prepared for Kindergarten, are achieving academically, and are safe, healthy, and supported by engaged parents.

Proposed location of implementation: City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

List all LEAs that will be partnering with this project: Rocketship Education Wisconsin

List all non-LEA organizations partnering with this project: Rocketship Public Schools, YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, Milwaukee Police Department, Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, Wellpoint Care, Bellwether, City Forward Collective, Fulcrum Education Solutions, County Executive David Crowley, State Representative Robert Wittke, Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Office of Charter Schools, Ignite, and Carmen Schools of Science & Technology