



# Community Schools: A Strategy, Not a Program



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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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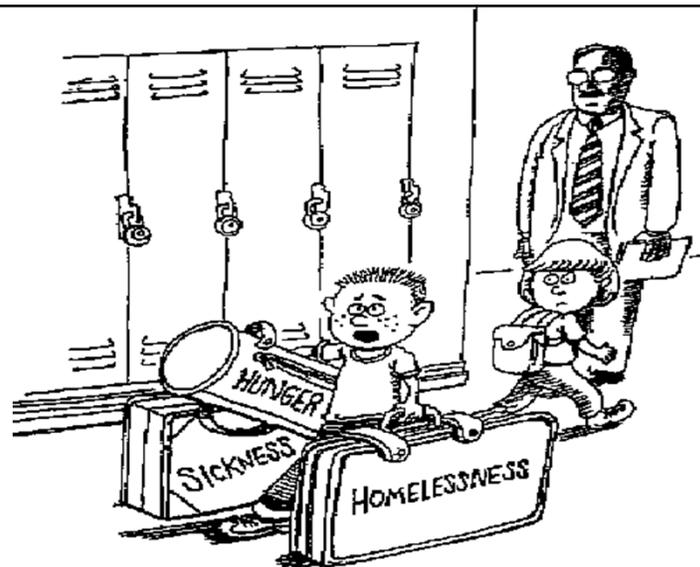
- ◆ Serves New York's neediest children and families at more than 40 locations.
- ◆ A leader in firsts/innovations – CAS developed:
  - first free school lunch program in the U.S.
  - first industrial school for poor children
  - first day care program for working mothers
  - first visiting nurse service
- ◆ Cutting edge of contemporary children's services
  - Carrera Adolescent Sexuality and Pregnancy Prevention Program
  - Community School Model
  - Foster Care approach and systems



## CAS Community Schools



- ◆ Partner with the New York City Department of Education since 1992
- ◆ Strategic Opportunity is the Intersection of capacity and need.
- ◆ 16 schools –some have 3 schools in one building (referred to as a “campus model”)
- ◆ 15 public schools, one charter school
- ◆ 2013 NYS Education Commission Report cites as a “Model of Education-Centered Comprehensive Programs”



***“Could someone help me with these?  
I’m late for math class.”***

Scott Spencer

## A Strategy for What?



A strategy for organizing the resources of the school and community around student success...

Patricia Harvey, Former Superintendent  
St. Paul Public Schools



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## What is a Community School?



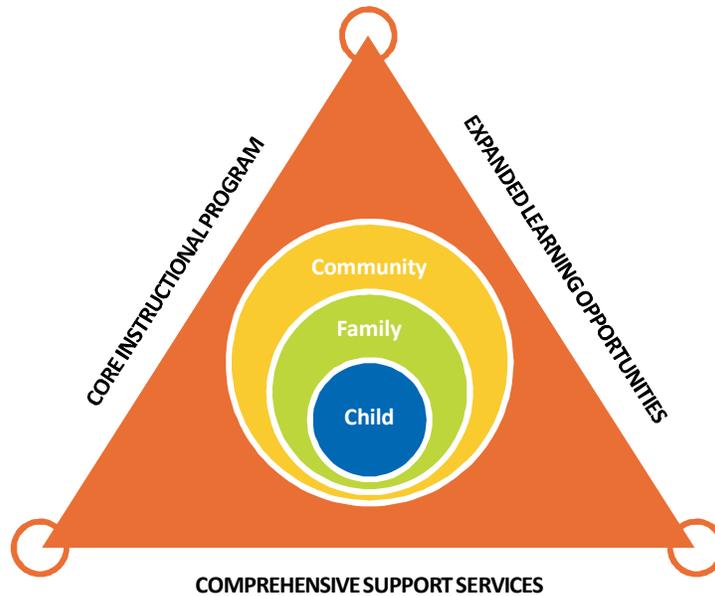
A community school is both **a place** and a **set of partnerships** between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, services, supports and opportunities leads to **improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.**

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## CAS Developmental Triangle



## Underlying Research Base



- ◆ **Making the Most of Non-School Time**
  - Reginald Clark
  - Milbrey McLaughlin
  - Deborah Vandell
- ◆ **Whole Child Approach/ Application of Developmental Knowledge**
  - Jacquelynne Eccles
  - James Comer
- ◆ **Parents' Active Role**
  - Epstein (six types)
  - Henderson and Mapp
- ◆ **Coordinated Services**
- ◆ **Health Links/Education**
- ◆ **School Improvement**
- ◆ **Caring, Competent, Consistent Adults**
  - Werner/Benard (resilience theory)
  - Francis (Fritz) Ianni



## Results of CAS Community Schools



- ◆ Improved academic performance—ELA and Math
- ◆ Higher attendance rates—Students and Teachers
- ◆ Positive school climate
- ◆ Improved school safety
- ◆ Greater parent involvement
- ◆ Improved student-teacher relationships
- ◆ Community benefits, such as better use of public buildings and safer neighborhoods
- ◆ Teachers able to focus on education



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