



# Building a Community School Framework for Oregon



An initiative of  
***The Oregon Commission on Children and Families***



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## OCCF Background

- **System of State and Local County Commissions**
- **Provides progressive public and private leadership that works collaboratively to support and strengthen communities to improve the lives of children, youth and families**
- **Committed to locally-driven, results-oriented change through informed and effective public policy and a wise investment of resources**



# Building a Community School Framework for Oregon

## OCCF Background

- Provides communities with research-based best practices and programs and initiatives
- Administers funds and provides support for 36 local county commissions, Healthy Start, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Relief Nurseries



# What is Oregon's Community Schools Initiative?

**Collaborative statewide effort to promote Community Schools as a vehicle to:**

- **Address State Commission Leadership Priorities**
- **Address barriers to learning and achieve educational success for all students**
- **Engage multiple government, business and community partners in actively supporting student learning, healthy families and thriving communities**



# Why Community Schools?

- Schools are the single touchstone in each community where education, resources and support come together under one roof.





# Community Schools Initiative Goals

- Effective and efficient use of resources
- Statewide policy framework aligned with local needs, best practice and student achievement benchmarks
- Statewide network of Community Schools and technical assistance
- Evaluation framework with statewide outcomes
- Demonstrated models of Community Schools that get results



# Community Schools Initiative: State Partners

- Oregon Commission on Children and Families
- Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development
- Oregon Department of Education
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Oregon Department of Employment



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Education





# State and Local Partnerships

## State Role

- Promote shared accountability and leadership for student achievement
- Provide a statewide policy framework aligned with local planning
- Coordinate cross-agency resources that support Community Schools
- Create state and regional technical assistance capacity

## Role of Local Communities

- Champion and promote the value of Community Schools as a vehicle for improving student achievement
- Identify lead community partner(s) for Community School site
- Invest in the development and expansion of Community School sites
- Breakdown barriers to Community School implementation



# What is currently in Oregon:



- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers
- Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Schools
- Early Childhood Linkage Project Sites
- OCCF Community Schools Initiative Demonstration Sites

- Family Resource Centers
- Healthy Kids Learn Better Partnership Sites
- Community and School Partnership Sites
- School-based Health Clinic Sites
- Oregon ASK Afterschool Programs



# Community Schools Initiative

## 2008-09 Progress

- **Established five statewide demonstration sites**
- **Identified over 250 existing and evolving Community Schools in 29 counties**
- **Provided Community Schools with technical assistance and support statewide, including linking with national resources**
- **State Commission adoption of Community Schools as a vehicle for addressing their five leadership priorities**



# Community Schools Initiative

## 2008-09 Progress

- **Setting foundation for sustainability through promotion of Community Schools within multiple venues for funding including national, federal and state sources**
- **National policy development through participation on the National Coalition for Community Schools Steering Committee**
- **State policy development through establishment of a statewide Community Schools Steering Committee**



# Demonstration Sites

OCCF Investment of \$371,274 in five sites for 2008-09 school year chosen through a competitive RFP process. Sites included:

- MA Lynch Elementary School in Deschutes Co.
- Mid Valley Elementary School in Hood River Co.
- Madison Elementary School in Coos Co.
- Riddle Middle School in Douglas Co.
- St. Helens Middle School in Columbia Co.



# Demonstration Site Requirements

- Site-Based Leadership Team
- Community Hub Location
- Lead Partner (local commissions)
- Strong, Supportive Principal/Superintendent
- On-Site Community School Coordinator
- Extended Day Programming



# Demonstration Site Results

- Approximately **800 hours** of extended day learning
- **863 students** served
- **4473 parents** attended school events and activities
- **\$1,192,618** in leveraged resources
- **81** public and private partnerships



# Demonstration Site Results

- Accomplished a 4.8% average increase in percentage of elementary students meeting or exceeding state reading standards for all sites.
- Accomplished a 6% average increase in percentage of elementary students meeting or exceeding state math standards.
- Accomplished a 10.1% average increase in percentage of middle school students meeting or exceeding state reading standards.



# Demonstration Site Results

- Accomplished a **4.3% average increase** in percentage of middle school students meeting or exceeding state math standards.
- **8.2% average increase** in academic growth in reading for economically disadvantaged students
- **6.4% average increase** in academic growth in math for economically disadvantaged students



# Benefit of Sites to the State

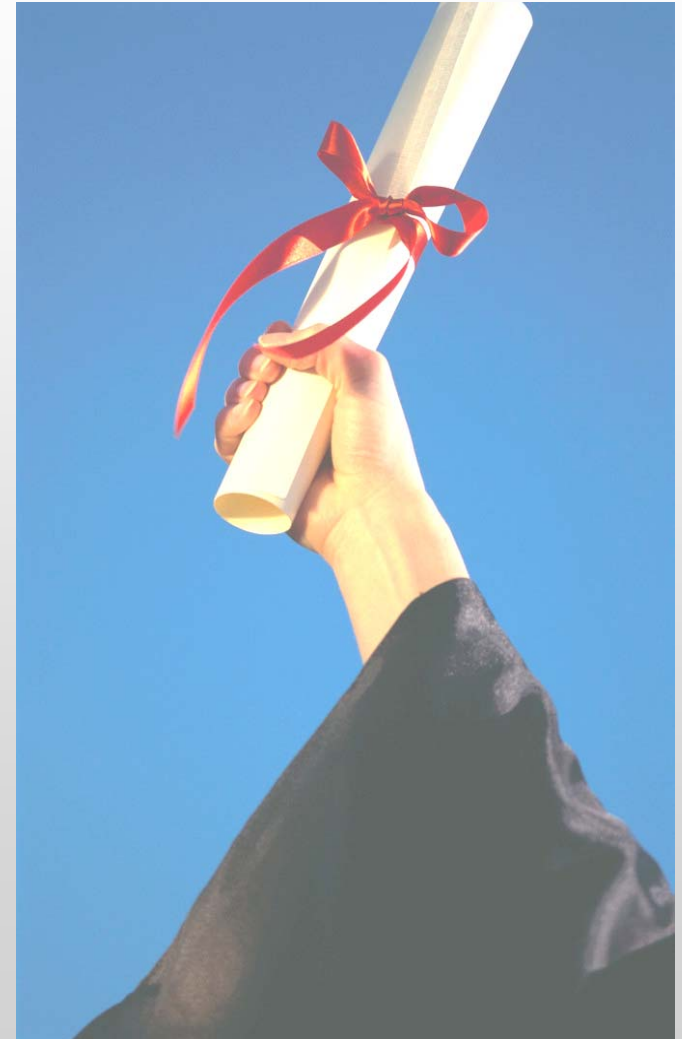
- Demonstrate effectiveness of Community Schools
- Develop rural and urban Community School models
- Establish a foundation for statewide expansion of Community Schools
- Demonstrate effective cross-agency collaboration
- Effective and efficient use of resources impacting the high return on investment





# Long-Range Goals

- **Expand state level public/private partnerships to champion Community Schools across the state**
- **Implement statewide evaluation and measurable outcomes for Community Schools**
- **Implement strategies for long-term sustainability of the initiative**



**“We see our schools as the anchor of the community. The Community Schools Initiative is one way to improve student achievement, increase parental involvement and create opportunities for the community to support our schools.”**

**Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education**

