

2023-2024



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IMPACT REPORT

In alignment with the district's strategic plan and the VPS Vision of a Graduate, the Community Schools Department's goal is to ensure all students have the necessary resources to succeed. To do this we partner with students and their families removing barriers to learning, providing engagement/enrichment opportunities, and connecting families to community resources.



COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Community Schools Highlights from the 2023-24 school year:

- 22 Site-based Family Community Resource Coordinators
- 2 Mobile Family Community Resource Coordinators
- 2 Family Advocates (Advocate for Black families, Chuukese families)
- 2 Mental Health and Wellness Coordinators
- 15 School Based Mental Health Clinicians serving all secondary schools
- 6 Prevention /Intervention Specialists (3 VPS, 3 ESD 112)
- The HOPE Program (serving students and families experiencing homelessness)
- The SMART Team
- Homework Cafe



**In collaboration with building staff,
community partners and families FCRC staff
provided:**



- 613 students with utility assistance to prevent electricity and water shutoff.
- Food pantries: monthly: pantries at eight school sites were accessed 2895 times providing 99,891 lbs of fresh food.
- 4807 students with clothing assistance.
- 2125 students and their families with housing assistance preventing eviction.
- 1868 students with hygiene/household cleaning products.
- Students with school supplies from The Write From The Start School Supply Drive
- Through a partnership with Clark County financial support to students to participate in Football and Cheer Camps this past summer.



ENGAGEMENT AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



In collaboration with building teams and community partners:

- 1837 adults and 2743 students attended cultural events at their school.
- 1527 parents/caregivers attended coffee with the principal, Social Friday events and/or parent groups
- 2363 students participated in experience lab at 9 elementary schools provided by community partners.
- 434 students participated in art, music, and visual art clubs at the secondary level.
- 400 students participated in one to one or small group mentoring at the secondary level.



FAMILY ADVOCATES



Provided culturally and linguistically appropriate engagement and support to Black/African American and Pacific Islander Families.

- Pacific Islander student clubs were started at McLoughlin, Roosevelt, and Thomas Jefferson.
- A Chuukese Parent/caregiver group was started to support families in connecting to their child's education.
- Culturally relevant training was provided to six schools, The Strengthening Neighborhood Collaborative, and The Community Health Plan of Washington's Staff to increase the likelihood of our Pacific Islander families gaining access to healthcare.
- The Black Family Advocate began serving Black and African American families in February 2024
- In collaboration, the NAACP and VPS Equity Mentors held a listening session for families to share their experiences in VPS. These sessions will continue throughout the 2024/25 school year.
- 5 Black Student Union groups were started and two more will be launched in 2024/25.
- Hate and Bias training was provided for VPS staff at several schools.



FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT



Some highlights from the fourth (of five) years demonstrated:

- Successful expansion of the Student Centered Equity Teams (SCET) at all grant sites and one additional Elementary School. The SCET provides an opportunity for families to be partners in decision making.
- Strengthening Neighborhood Collaborative (SNC), our community partners, helped advise and support the community schools strategy and will also be helping design an asset and needs assessment in 2024-25. This will be led by Clark County Public Health.
- Learning Walks have also been supported by the grant to provide teachers with opportunities to improve their practice.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS COORDINATORS



MHWC's worked closely with School Based Mental Health Clinicians and School Counselors to provide:

- Protective Factor Groups/Crisis Intervention/Mental Health Navigation
- Outreach to historically marginalized student groups and LGBTQ+ students

SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS

**15 therapists based in secondary schools
provided:**

- 2686 students with Tier 1 support
- 944 students with Tier 2 support
- 475 students with Tier 3 support
- 4105 total students with mental health services



PREVENTION/INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS



- More than 1000 students were served at our high schools through groups, clubs and individual meetings to reduce substance use and support safe and healthy choices for students.
- 86% of students referred to services engaged at Fort Vancouver High School
- At several of our high schools, all-school campaigns took place to reach every student with information and support
- At Columbia River HS students in services reported 10.8% stopped drinking, 12.3% stopped using tobacco and 20.5% stopped binge drinking.

HOPE

- The HOPE program qualified and provided services to 1556 Students. This number includes 327 unaccompanied youth.

This reflects a 17% increase in students experiencing homelessness from SY 2022-23



SMART (SCHOOL MOBILIZATION ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM)

The VPS the SMART team responded to 11 calls at 8 schools. This multidisciplinary team made up primarily of school counselors, nurses, therapists, FCRC's and Interpreters. This team provides support to students and staff experiencing a crisis such as death of a student or staff and critical incidents involving accidents or illness.



HOMEWORK CAFE

VPS received a \$500,000 grant from the City of Vancouver in February 2024 to develop programming to provide academic support to students along the Fourth Plain corridor.

- A pilot began in April 2024 at Ogden Elementary school.
- 27 students participated in the pilot and demonstrated increases in both iReady math and reading scores by one or more grade levels.
- Ogden has three - eight week sessions planned for 2024-25 with an increase to 50 plus students.
- Expansion to Martin Luther King Elementary will occur in January 2025, with a third school added in January 2026.

