7500 - COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

The Board of Education believes that each school should also be a community learning center in which a variety of partners shall offer academic programs, enrichment activities, and support to students, families, and community members before and after school as well as during the evenings and on weekends throughout the calendar year. Each school’s Community Learning Center shall hereinafter be referred to as CLC. The Board envisions each CLC as the neighborhood’s center of activity.

The Board further believes that in order to serve more fully the needs of students and to support the improvement of their academic and intellectual development, each District public school must engage its community if these worthy purposes are to be realized.

As the learning center in the community, each school and its partners must demonstrate strong collaboration, set high expectations for all students, embrace diversity, and share the accountability for results.

Each CLC should have a Resource Coordinator, who develops and coordinates services and programs that serve the students, their families, and the community. The Resource Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with the Superintendent’s administrative guidelines and shall work collaboratively with the principal and the LSDMC to provide the services and programs that meet the needs and priorities identified by the school’s leadership.

Annually, as part of the OnePlan process, each school shall assess the needs of its student population. As a result of that process, each school’s OnePlan shall describe the partnerships deemed necessary to enhance opportunities for student success and community and parental involvement. The LSDMC, ILT, parents, and the school community shall participate in the development of this comprehensive plan.

It shall be the responsibility of the Resource Coordinator to develop written agreements with the agencies and organizations that shall provide the services and programs. The agreements shall include a provision clarifying that the partnering agency or organization shall be responsible for reimbursing the District for actual costs for the services rendered by District custodial or operations employees that occur outside the employee’s regular scheduled work hours, if applicable, in accordance with Board Policy 7510, Use of Facilities. These charges shall not apply to the District’s capital partners that maintain exclusive control over and responsibility for the facilities in which their programs and services are provided.

In addition, the agreement shall include a provision that requires the agency/organization to provide evidence that each employee and/or volunteer has submitted to a criminal history records check in accordance with Board Policy 3121 and Policy 4121.

Once developed, the agreements shall then be submitted to the LSDMC through the principal for approval. Each agreement shall provide for an annual evaluation of the programs and/or services provided under said agreement. The agreement shall include a provision whereby the LSDMC retains the right to cancel said agreement for cause, either at the conclusion of the agreement or with sixty (60) days written notice served upon the agency.
The Superintendent shall be responsible for preparing administrative guidelines necessary to implement this policy.

A.C. 3301-35-01(D)(5), 3301-35-02(C)(1)(C), 3301-35-02(C)(3)