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***Community Schools: Integrating Community Resources to Increase Opportunities for Youth***

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***“Where schools truly become the centers of the community, great things can happen.”***

With these words, Sec. of Education Arne Duncan summarized the mission of community schools: full-service schools with an innovative approach to educating children achieved by partnering with local agencies, offering school-based health and social services, extending school days, and engaging the community. When implemented correctly, community schools lead to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities.

**Agenda**

Panelists will discuss the vision and strategy of community schools, how successful community schools are improving outcomes for children, families, and communities on the ground, and how the principles of community schools can be embedded in the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*.

Moderator:

- Anna Hinton, director, Parental Options and Information, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education

Introduction:

- Martin Blank, Director, Coalition for Community Schools and President, Institute for Educational Leadership

Presenters:

- Vince Bertram, Superintendent, and Cathlin Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Family, Schools and Community Partnership  
*Evansville-Vanderburgh (Ind.) School Corporation serves as a model of success for the community school strategy.*
- Darlene Kamine, Executive Director, Community Learning Centers Institute, and Julie Sellers, President, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers  
*Cincinnati Public Schools use community schools to engage the community, redesign schools and support student learning by partnering with community-based organizations and institutions of higher education.*
- Lorenzo Poe, Director, Multnomah County Department of School and Community Partnerships and Karl Logan, Principal, Lane Middle Schools, Portland, Ore.  
*The Schools Uniting Neighborhoods Initiative seeks to work with county, state, and federal government to increase support for the community school strategy.*

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