Cincinnati’s Community Learning Centers In-Depth: Building Policy Around Cincinnati’s Community School Initiative

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AGENDA

Introductions

Origin and Formation of CLCs in Cincinnati

Inside Look at Building Policy Framework around CLCs

Taking Community Schools Across the State

Questions
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THE FORMATION OF COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS
Ohio Supreme Court declares conditions in Ohio schools to be so inadequate as to violate the constitutional guarantee for an adequate public education.

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- 2012

CPS Board of Education announces its vision for district-wide development of all schools as centers of their respective neighborhoods.

CPS adopts Facilities Master Plan for the rebuilding of all schools in the District.

Community engagement proceeds neighborhood by neighborhood with assistance from Children’s Defense Fund.

CPS received 21st Century grant to support programming at 9 Community Learning Centers.

Winton Hills Academy awarded Richard A. Riley finalist for the Schools as Centers of Community award from the American Architectural Foundation.

In partnership with Children’s Defense Fund, CPS starts to build groundswell of support for building new facilities as CLCs.

Taxpayers approve $1B levy to build or renovate CPS schools in 10 years as part of the Facilities Master Plan, the largest public works project in the history of Cincinnati.

Rockdale Elementary opens as the first community learning center, with a co-located health clinic, an on-site mental health provider and year-round activities for families and neighborhood.

Resource coordinators in 35 schools with continuing commitment to expand to all schools.

Formation of Community Learning Center Institute to continue to support and promote the development and sustainability of CLCs.

CPS Earns “Effective” ranking second year in a row for 2010-11.

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Community Learning Centers* 
Integrating and Maximizing School-Community Resources

- Revitalization of Neighborhoods, Cities, and Citizens
- Increasing School Enrollment and Performance Index Ratings***
- Promoting Parent, Family and Community Engagement
- Promoting Student Achievement and Health Development

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CREATION OF INITIAL CITY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

- Cincinnati City School District Policy
- City Council Passes Legislation
SITE-BASED GOVERNANCE

• Formulating Partnerships Network

• Developing Cross Boundary Leadership Network
Cincinnati Public Schools Strategic Plan with Mission, Goals, and Strategies for Improving Student Outcomes

Early Childhood

College Access

Cincy After School

Adopt a Class

Arts Education

Innovations

Green & Healthy

Leave No Child Inside

Growing Well

MindPeace

Tutoring

Mentoring

Parent Network

Cross Boundary Leadership Team
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS TODAY

- Resource coordinators in 35 schools
- Co-located, privately-funded, financially-sustainable partnerships
- 20 school based health centers
- First vision center in the country to be co-located at a school
- 49 co-located mental health teams
- Schiff Center – new 0-5 Early Childhood Education Center at Oyler School

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CLC’S IMPACT

- Increasing overall academic achievement, parental involvement
- Increased community engagement
- Meeting the needs of ALL students, including priority students
- Increased enrollment and increased families moving back to the city and into public schools
- Consistently high rankings on Ohio Schools Report Card
- Media spotlight
- 2011 National Community School of Excellence Award Winner
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INSIDE LOOK AT BUILDING CLC POLICY AT THE CITY LEVEL

• The rationale behind forming a city policy around school partnerships

• Trials and tribulations along the way

• What ultimately led to the passage and how does it need to be stronger
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TAking IT ACRoss THE BUCKEYE STATE

• Rationale and need for taking community school strategies to other municipalities in Ohio

• What statewide policy would look like
QUESTIONS?
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• Coalition for Community School Resources on CLC’s

• Community Learning Center Institute
  http://clcinstitute.org/