Community Schools Administrator

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Focus Area 1: Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports
Focus Area 2, Curriculum
Focus Area 3, Community Engagement
Focus Area 4: Professional Learning

From November 19th - 21st, I attended the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Statewide Fall Conference with our program site coordinators, Joe O'Neill and Patty Webber. While this conference was mandatory to attend, it was an opportunity to extend our depth of knowledge and understanding in the provision of high quality after school programming for our participants and their families while ensuring our capabilities keep pace with the current standards of the afterschool arena. Throughout the three days, we had the opportunity to attend various Interactive Institutes, such as Kinesthetic Strategies to Improve Math and Reading, Crime Scene Investigations in After School and From Concept to Practice: Supporting Social-Emotional Learning. The best part of the conference were the professional conversations we were able to have with our colleagues from our region to strengthen relationships and partnerships, and with the NY state staff to use as a resource to support our programs.

I had the opportunity to co-present an Interactive Institute titled "Community Schools: Integration and Alignment of Initiatives to Promote Positive Outcomes for All". I presented with Liz Anderson, Director of NYSED Central/Western Community Schools Technical Assistance Center and Meg Garton, Assistant Director of NYSED Central Western Community Schools Technical Assistance Center. The purpose of this institute was to explain community schools both as a place and as an integration of resources and activities designed to support positive outcomes for all students, families, and staff. The presentation explained the MTSS model, the community schools model, and how North Rose-Wolcott is integrating both through the 21st Century program. The following graphic was presented as an example:

	Program/Intervention	ARCH Component Addressed	Key Personnel/ Agency/ Program Administration Responsible	Targeted Group Served	Expected Outcome
Tier 3	Peer Tutoring	Attachment, Regulation, Competency	High school students, elementary students	2nd - 4th grade students	Inc proficiency in academic areas, stronger relationships with mentors
Tier 2	Weekend College Visits	Attachment, Competency	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel	10th - 12th grade students	Exposure to various types of colleges, inc interest in higher education
	Right Reason Technologies	Competency	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel	K - 12th grade students	Inc achievement in core subject areas
	Youth Center	Attachment, Regulation	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel, CBO	5th - 9th grade students	Connection with community, peers
	The Morning Crew	Attachment, Competency	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel	3rd and 4th grade students	Inc achievement in math and ELA
Tier 1	Summer Escape program	All	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel, Various CBO	K - 6th grade	Inc. achievement, inc attachment, physical safety
	Super Saturday Events	ALL	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel, Various CBO	Community, PK - 12th Grade Students	Community Engagement, student connection to the school community
	LIFT After School program	ALL	NRW CSD 21st Century Grant Personnel	7-12th grade students	Inc. achievement, inc. attachment, dec. absenteeism

I ended our presentation with an example of a Community School 21st Century Programming initiative, Super Saturdays. While Super Saturdays have occurred in the past, this year, we are focusing on making them fit the Community Schools model by integrating more community-inclusive events. For example, the Cougar Cupboard is now open during Super Saturdays. At our first event on November 16th, the Trauma-Informed Care team provided handouts for families. We are planning on providing "Parent University" classes in the future as well. At the next event, on December 14th, there will be a Winter Outerwear Closet, with gently used items available for free to anyone from the community who attends. At each event, we provide one meal for free. In November, lunch (pizza) was provided. In December, we will be providing breakfast (pancakes, bacon, fruit). As we move forward, we are looking to add health resources such as flu shots and eye screenings, and are communicating with our community partners such as Literacy Volunteers to see if they are interested in providing workshops/programming for future Super Saturdays.

Focus Area 4: Professional Learning

The following professional learning opportunities were attended in November:

- Kindergarten Transition Summit (team of early education teachers, counselors, and administrators)
- McKinney-Vento Annual Workshop (B. Barr)
- 21st Century Statewide Fall Conference (B. Barr, J. O'Neill, P. Webber)