Community Schools Administrator

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Regional Community Schools Update

Wayne County Consortium of Community Schools:

CENSUS: The Wayne County Consortium of Community Schools will directly support Wayne County Census efforts. The Census will start to arrive in mailboxes between March 12th and 20th. At North Rose-Wolcott, we are working with the Regional Partnership representative to create census events aligned with current district activities to help ensure everyone in our district is counted. More information will be shared when it is available.

Alignment work: The **Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families** is a consortium of more than forty agencies, organizations, and school districts in and around Wayne County that provide valuable services to help, coach, and uplift individuals and families in order to empower them to be their best selves. The Partnership helps to share information, pool resources, and promote cooperation to get partner services to where they can do the most good. The full Partnership meets five times per year, and three work groups meet more frequently to tackle issues surrounding behavioral health, education, and family resources. On March 11th from 9am -10:30, the Wayne County Partnership will meet at WFLBOCES. The topic of this meeting is "Future Ready" and Edge Factor will be sharing their videos that focus on Wayne County industry and local businesses will also be present to share their efforts. Anyone is welcome at the Partnership meetings, and are encouraged to attend to experience the Community Schools philosophy in action.

Resource Acquisition work: Wayne County Community Schools now includes an effort to build capacity for grant writing. Our team is currently supporting applications or has completed applications for the following grants that will directly affect the North Rose-Wolcott school district:

Census Grant- -$130,000- for Census efforts in Wayne County upon completion of a non-competitive application.

Creating Healthy Communities and Schools-- $1.5 million —for Wayne CAP and will place 4-H in our 21st Century after school programs and build support for healthy pre-K and common messaging around health and wellness.

BJA School Safety - $500,000 - We submitted two of these applications on March 3rd**,** one with Sodus as a lead and the other with Newark as a lead. The focus is on improving school safety through staff and student training. It will focus on teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) and restorative practices.

Strategic Prevention Framework - $1.5 million - Sodus as lead applicant; this will help build our Community Schools efforts with a focus on family engagement and parent education; building neighborhood attachment is a root cause for our young people.

Community Based Mental Health Clinics - $4 million -Wayne County is applying for his grant, which is designed to increase access to prevention and treatment for opioid and other addiction/ mental health issues.

FLX Community Schools:

Finger Lakes Community Schools is the regional extension for building support for the work that benefits our students and community. Through FLX Community Schools, I have helped to develop a new food pantry toolkit for districts interested in developing a school-based food pantry:

https://www.flxcommunityschools.org/practices-toolkits

Fund for Community Schools:

The Wayne County Community Schools Fund has been created to support the efforts of Wayne County Community Schools. Wayne County Community Schools works within all eleven county school districts, as well as with community partners to provide positive social, emotional, physical, and academic growth for all of our students. The idea is that the next time a district or community partner identifies a need that cannot be immediately addressed by general funds or current grants, we have funds we can draw on to support these needs. For example, if a school loses

funding for an afterschool grant or has a new idea for a career-ready program, this fund could provide support to move these initiatives forward. This fund is an endowment, which means grants will only be awarded from the interest accrued from the principal. The fund is overseen by the Rochester Area Community Foundation. Donors can make their district/community a priority by designating up to 90% of their donation to a specific school district. 9% will be put into the County allotment, with 1% used to manage the fund. The initial fundraising goal is to raise $25,000 by June 30th, and $1,000,000 by January of 2022 so we can start awarding grants. A launch event for the fund will be held on March 26th at WFL BOCES. You can register by clicking this link.

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Upcoming events:
LIFT/Community Schools Super Saturday: On March 7th, we will be hosting our third LIFT and Community Schools Super Saturday from 9 am - 2 pm at the High School (rescheduled from February 8th due to inclement weather). This event is open to students and families K - 12. It includes opportunities such as Magic the Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons, cookie decorating and various arts and crafts. Families can view movies in the library or participate in various leisure sports like ping pong, corn hole and bean bag toss in the foyer. Families can test their foosball skills in a family tournament. The Cooking and Baking class are showing off their skills and making lasagna to be shared with anyone who attends for lunch. The Cougar Cupboard will also be open throughout the day.

FLCC College Visit: On March 7th, we will be sending a group of students and a chaperone for our third Saturday college visit to Finger Lakes Community College. FLCC will be hosting an open house during this visit, so students will have the opportunity to attend an Admissions Information Session, designed to give an overview of Finger Lakes Community College, including the application process, academic programs, services, student life, housing and the enrollment process. The information session will be followed by a campus tour around campus stopping throughout the building highlighting our many different departments. The Suites at Laker Landing, FLCC's housing complex, is also a destination on the campus tour for any students interested in living on campus. At the conclusion of this visit, we will have provided the opportunity for students to visit two private universities (RIT and

St. John Fisher College) and a community college (FLCC). Our next trip will be to a SUNY college.