

HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR REPORT 2023

Learning and Growing Together

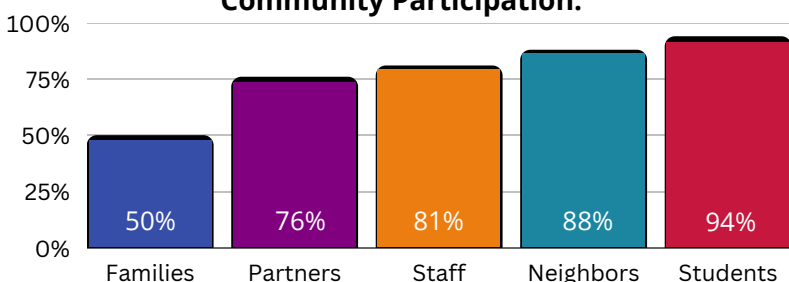


Community Schools bring students, staff, families, and the community together to co-educate, meet immediate needs, and provide opportunities for transformational change to help families thrive.

Needs & Assets Assessment

In 2022 we asked students, families, staff, partners, and neighbors three questions about Hamilton and our community.

Community Participation:



What do you LOVE about your school and community?

- Teachers & Staff
- Friends - Relationships - Collaboration
- Thoughtful Communication
- Whole Child/Family Approach - People that can Help - Close to Resources
- Walkable
- Quiet & Peaceful
- Recess

What do you NOT love about your school and community?

- Disruptive & Unsafe Student Behavior
- Staff Burnout
- Lack of Community Safety
- Need more Resources to meet the Level of Need
- Need more Recess Activities, After-School Activities, & free Community Activities
- Negative Perception of Neighborhood & School



What are things we can do to make Hamilton better?

- More Social & Emotional Learning & Skill Development
- More Sports, Clubs, Playground Equipment, Adult Education, & free Activities
- In-Person Family Nights
- Clean-up Trash & Parks
- More Street Lights
- One Stop Shop for Physical Health, Mental Health, & Basic Needs

Spotlight Projects

Reading, Math, and Social Skills Mentors

We have many community mentors who work 1:1 with Hamilton students for **over 88 hours** on average per month.



Monthly Family Nights

Staff and volunteers help provide a night of fun and engagement to an average of **147 participants** each month. For our Bike Rodeo in May, River Trails Cycling donated **25 bikes** for students without a bike.

Partnership Spotlight

Viterbo Partnership

Viterbo's Women's Soccer Team led a two-day camp for **32 students**. The Women's Basketball Team provided a day of engaging play, reading, and shooting hoops. **89 tickets** were donated for the Arts for Young Americans program. A dozen volunteers completed **over 36 hours** of projects for Teachers in February. Volunteers made copies, laminated, cut out activities and posters, cleaned and disinfected rooms, and more.



Gundersen Partnership

Gundersen Health System provided health literacy opportunities, food donations of **over 600 pounds** multiple times this year, financial support to classrooms, and many volunteers for our students, families and school events. Plans are also being made for a Health Clinic inside of Hamilton.

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) Partnership

FSPA members volunteer with students, provide staff lunches and treats, and multiple grants that provide welcomed supplies and engaging activities for students, staff, and families.

Cub Scouts- Pack 1111

Cub Scouts are back at Hamilton! In collaboration with **Gateway Area Scouting** and the **Boys and Girls Club**. Enriching the lives of **25 students**.

The Work Ahead

The National Education Associate (NEA) Six Community Schools Pillars drive our initiatives and prioritize our time.

| Inclusive Leadership | Strong & Proven Curriculum | High-Quality Teaching | Positive Behavior Practices | Family & Community Partnerships | Community Support Services |
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| <p>Community Schools Leadership Team In 2023 we formed a team of staff, families, and community partners to develop strategic interventions to meet immediate needs and cultivate transformational change.</p> <p>Hope and Dream Statement Cultivating a supportive community where students, families, staff, and partners belong, learn, and grow in a culture of joy, care, and trust.</p> <p>Focus Area Statement When we meet student needs and develop social/emotional skills, students have the ability to engage in Safe, Respectful, and Responsible behaviors more consistently.</p> | <p>What ways can we remove barriers to increase school attendance?</p> <p>How can we create environments to further develop the social and emotional skills of students?</p> <p>How can we better support the students and families hardest hit by the impact of covid?</p> <p>What can we do for families in significant need?</p> <p>How can we improve learning and academic scores?</p> <p>How can we increase economic opportunities for families?</p> | | | | |

Explore theories of improvement for these questions through the lens of the six Pillars above.

Form problem-solving teams made up of families, staff, and community partners dedicated to the work.

Work with our Community Schools District Team and Steering Committee, at the city-wide level, to implement transformational change.

Your Voice Matters

We want to hear from you! If you would like to learn more, ask questions, share your insights, or volunteer please contact Jon Zinniel, Hamilton Community Schools Coordinator at 608-789-5092 or jjzinniel@lacrossesd.org.