A Community School Grows in Brooklyn

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Social Work
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What conditions existed in the community and the school (or school system) that encouraged your institution to get involved?
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<th>Brooklyn/Curtis Bay</th>
<th>Baltimore City</th>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$32,296</td>
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<td>Single Parent Households</td>
<td>33.40 %</td>
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<td>Residents with College degrees</td>
<td>5.70 %</td>
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<td>Domestic Violence Rate</td>
<td>53.7</td>
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<td>Supermarket Proximity (minutes)</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Avertable Deaths</td>
<td>50.2</td>
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<td>Teen Birth Rate</td>
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Brooklyn/Curtis Bay

- 19% tree coverage
- 21225, highest cancer rate in Maryland
- Most polluted air in Baltimore
- 2nd highest air pollution in Maryland,
- 74th in air pollution the U.S.
Community Schools

A network of partnerships between the school and other community resources that promote student achievement and family and community well-being. Its integrated focus on academics, enrichment, health and social supports, youth and community development and family engagement leads to student success, strong families and healthy communities. Partnerships allow schools to become resources to the community and offer programs and opportunities that are open to all.
Social Network Theory

- Central actors
- Peripheral actors
- Isolated actors
- Subgroups
- Lines
- Flow
SWCOS Turnaround School

- New school principal, teachers & staff
- 33% increase in enrollment in SY 2011-12
- 60+ community partners
- $3.5 million in school renovations
- $1.8 million per year for three years
- 11th grade 74% passing rate in Algebra from 25% last year
SWCOS Community Schools

- Evidence-based Practices
- Braided funding: City, State, Foundations
- Building capacity and networks
- Lower juvenile crime rates
- Increasing academic achievement
SWCOS Community Schools

- Social Supports
- Mental Health
- School-linked Health Clinic
- Expanded Learning
- College and Career Preparation
- Academic Achievement
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A keystone is the wedge-shaped stone piece at the apex of a masonry vault or arch, which is the final piece placed during construction and locks all the stones into position, allowing the arch to bear weight.
What’s next?

- $300 million from Baltimore Bottle Tax (2012)
- $1.2 billion from Baltimore Bond Measure (2013)
- School construction and renovations
- Increase constituency support
- Build affordable and stable housing
Let’s talk about Community Schools!

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