



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Sarah Norton, Director of Community Partnerships
DATE: October 17, 2024
RE: Full Service Community School Grant Award 2024/25

This memo is:

- Information only.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: _____

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
- or attached to this memo

Basic information:

District 33 was awarded a Full Service Community School (FSCS) grant from ACT Now. D33 was selected alongside 10 school districts in the state in a competitive grant competition. D33 will be awarded up to \$1,000,000 per year for a total of 5 school years. The FSCS grant will be focused on further developing the community school model at Wegner Elementary School and Leman Middle School. Many family programs will benefit students and families district-wide.

Background or historical information:

D33 was awarded an FSCS grant from the US Dept. of Education in 2016 which launched our community school model district-wide. This 5-year grant helped launch our staffing structure and begin programming. This year, ACT Now received a state scaling grant to build and grow community schools in IL, and D33 was selected as a recipient. ACT Now will help D33 conduct a strengths and needs assessment, train staff and provide opportunities to collaborate with other grant recipients across the state.

Program highlights from the Year 1 budget include:

- Community Fieldtrips: weekend monthly field trips to museums for families
- Contracted Behavior Specialist at Wegner Elementary
- Adult ESL classes for D33 parents/guardians
- AVID pilot at Wegner
- Monthly student open gym at LMS
- Concrete support for families who are new to the country
- New Wave STEM afterschool programming for My Learning program
- Parents in Classroom (PIC) Program pilot at Wegner
- Other partner-led programming: nutrition fitness programs, adult services, school-based food pantry

- Updates to facilities at LMS including murals, a hydroponics garden, new basketball hoops, a washer and dryer, an electronic marquee, outdoor seating, and more

Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

N/A

Recommendations:

Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: