

Proposed Overview: Partners in Education

Immersing the community in our schools, one partner at a time

GOAL: Invigorating the community for more active participation in our schools to improve student achievement.

Objectives:

- Establish at least 1 corporate, civic and/or church partner at each school to provide on-going resources and support
- Plan 1-2 district-wide events that recognize and celebrate importance of partnerships

Commitment: For one year; a minimum of one activity per quarter

Partners could be utilized for:

- Tutoring/mentoring of students
- Providing incentives for students and faculty
- Supporting school-wide events/programs
- Guest speaking or judging fairs/contests
- Offering in-kind services and funding for programs, supplies or equipment
- Promoting school or students' work at partner's site/facility

Partner Benefits:

- Opportunity to invest in the lives of our children
- Contributing to a qualified workforce in the future
- Increase access to key consumer groups
- Promoting internal and external relations
- Furthering a healthy corporate culture
- Strengthening the economic health of the community

School Benefits:

- Increasing resources to meet school goals
- Taking the 'school into the community'
- Improved academic achievement
- Support of faculty/staff

Structure:

Community Partnership Advisory Team- comprised of 10-12 members; to establish program goals and guide the program to achieve meaningful and sustaining relationships; identify prospective partners

Partnership Recruitment Committee- comprised of 6-8 community members; to recruit and match partners to schools; identifying areas of shared interest that provide both school and partner with return on investment

TPSD Community Liaison- to establish relationship between schools and partners and serve as a support/communication liaison to both

Implementation Plan:

Early Spring 2011: Present and gather input/feedback from building administrators on how to feasibly implement program

Spring 2011: Establish/convene Community Partnership Team and Partnership Recruitment Committee

Spring 2011: Identify school needs that partners can meaningfully support

Late Spring 2011: Hold event to present program to community

Summer 2011: Recruit and match partners to schools

Fall 2011: Launch partnerships at each school