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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Date: October 22,, 2024
Re: United Way Quad Cities Communities in Schools MOU (United for Schools Project)

United Way Quad Cities collaborates with Title 1 elementary schools and community partners (non-profits, churches, businesses, higher ed, etc.) to eliminate barriers to learning using an evidence-based community school model. Using a whole-child approach, The United Way works together to bring resources to schools, making supports more accessible to children and families. They also support teachers and school staff with the understanding that if students' basic needs are met, they will be more prepared to learn in the classroom. Resources are based on the unique needs of each school and may include: monthly haircuts, vision screenings/glasses, dental screening, care closets, teacher resource closets, after-school clubs, tutor support and more. The United Way Quad Cities is currently partnering with Madison Elementary (Davenport) and Washington Elementary (Moline).

The Rock Island - Milan School district was invited to submit a RFP application to participate in the United Way's 3-year partnership with Communities in Schools. Teaming up with CIS allows the United Way Quad Cities to partner with three additional Title 1 elementary schools that meet the following criteria: serve a student body made up of at least 50% FRL and 50% BIPOC. The Rock Island - Milan School District submitted RFP applications for two qualifying schools: Rock Island Center for Math and Science and Rock Island Academy. Rock Island Academy was chosen to implement this exciting partnership.

By entering a partnership with United for Schools, RIA will be supported by a school-site coordinator, an employee of UWQC and housed at RIA. Their primary role includes implementing the following:

1. Integrated Student Supports (ISS) - via Communities in Schools training and support. Manage a caseload of students, focused on implementing ISS services.
2. Programming within 4 Pillar Model: Develop and implement programming rooted in 4 pillars that align with the needs of our Quad Cities community. Each pillar is tied to measurable goals and outcomes. The pillars are: support and well being, positive learning environments, expanded learning and family and community partnerships.

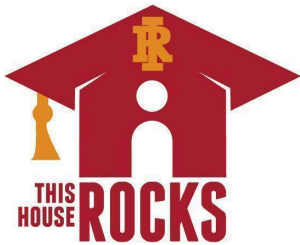
The MOU between the United Way Quad Cities and the Rock Island - Milan School District outlines the 3-year partnership to include:

United Way Quad Cities agrees to (in part):

- Completion of the Communities in Schools (CIS) self-assessment and student supports.

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- Implementation of the CIS model.
- Utilize the CIS data management system.
- Engage in long-term sustainability planning with CIS.
- Hire or designate a full-time Program Manager for implementation of the CIS Model.
- Hire one site coordinator per school to implement the CIS model.

The Rock Island - Milan School District agrees to (in part):

- Participate in the self-assessment and planning activities.
- Ensuring that 100% of the site coordinator(s) allocated work time is dedicated exclusively to implementing the CIS Model.
- Collaborate with the site coordinator and CIS National Organization.
- Collect and share school-level data with the United Way Quad Cities.
- Provide space, equipment, meals/snacks to facilitate student and community engagement.
- Collaborate with the United Way Quad Cities to establish sustainability measures for the program.

Investment Period: Spring 2025 Semester - Spring 2028 Semester

Total Investment: In-kind (space, equipment, data sharing, community engagement supplies)

Funding Source: District

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