

ALTERNATIVES TO SCHOOL CLOSURES

(Because you can't improve a closed school.)

KEY STRATEGIES

Well-prepared and effective teachers who can support diverse learners.

Wraparound academic, social/emotional, & health supports to help students stay on track.

Positive discipline policies that keep students in school, safe, and learning.

Engaged parents & communities that are invested in the school's success and foster partnerships between the school, local businesses, and non-profits.

Universal pre-K access so that every child is ready to learn when they enter school and no one starts behind.

Equitable school funding so that schools in low-income communities can be equipped with resources & supports.

Expanded Learning Time including after-school programs, internships, and community service.

Professional learning opportunities

EXAMPLES OF SUPPORTS

EDUCATORS

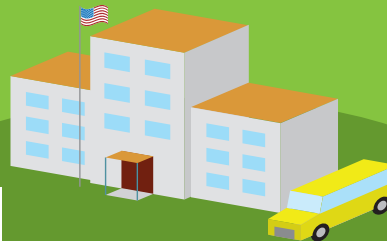
More support staff

Strong PTAs

STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Student peer mediation groups

Student voice on school board



COMMUNITY

School-based Clinics

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mentoring & Internships

Stopping suspensions

POLICY MAKERS

Fair education budgeting

ALTERNATIVES IN ACTION



CINCINNATI, OH
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

- Graduation rates up from 51% in 2000 to 82% in 2010
- Achievement gap between Black & white students narrowed from 14.5% in 2003 to 1.2% in 2010



OAKLAND, CA
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Schools with after-school programs rose from 32 to 90
- 10x more children with access to summer school
- School-based health clinics



EVANSVILLE, IN
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- 27% more students meet early literacy benchmarks
- 79% of 2010 grads pursued post-secondary education, above state average



HARTFORD, CT
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Reading proficiency +10% since 2009
- After-school programs proven to maintain and increase math, reading, & writing performance

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