

# 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 access to pre-K** 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.

## EXAMPLES OF SUPPORTS

Professional learning opportunities

**EDUCATORS**

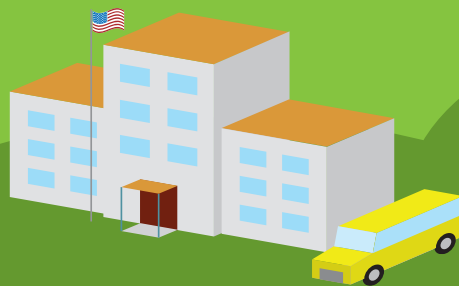
More support staff

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

- Number of 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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