Introducing Minneapolis’ Full-Service Community Schools. A partnership between Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, and Education Minnesota.

**What:** A Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and community resources. Its integrated focus on academics; health and social services; youth development; and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone – all day, every day, evenings and weekends.

**Where:** FSCS will become available in fall 2019 to students and families at three Minneapolis Public Schools:
- Bethune Community School (919 Emerson Ave. N.)
- Cityview Community School (3350 Fourth St. N.)
- Green Central Park School (3416 Fourth Ave. S.)

**When:** School needs assessments are taking place through summer 2019. Integration of supports and services begins at schools in fall 2019. These needs assessments will be used to determine the programs, community partnerships and services that will be available at its site.

**Why:** MPS in partnership with Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board, identified Bethune, Cityview and Green Central for participation in this initiative based on their location, available space in their buildings, community needs, and existing partnerships. Research and experience tell us that young people need a wide range of opportunities and supports to succeed. A quality academic program is necessary, but not sufficient. FSCS responds to societal factors, family circumstances, poverty and health problems. We need FSCS because all children regardless of their economic, racial or family circumstances deserve access to an array of opportunities. We also need them because schools must re-engage the broader public and FSCS are the place where this can happen.

FSCS addresses many of the realities that challenge today’s schools and educators: cultural disconnects, disengaged students, poverty, unaddressed health/social needs, transience, unsafe school environments, and overburdened and under resourced schools. By providing integrated and coordinated services of delivery (via community partnerships), students are positioned to achieve at their fullest potential.

How it Works: An on-site FSCS Coordinator at each school (working alongside educators & building staff): 1) coordinates services with community partners, and 2) works directly with families to connect them with appropriate services.

**How do I get involved? Contact:**
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