



Baltimore's Community School Initiative Fact Sheet

Community Schools are centers of learning and opportunity, schools that enhance excellent instruction with partnerships that enrich learning, strengthen families and develop the community. Community Schools involve families, community residents and those with resources to offer, in a well-coordinated and sustainable structure.

Baltimore has invested more than \$3.75 million in community school coordination and millions more in the programs and services that will locate in them. This generous public investment in community schools has won national attention. The Mayor, the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System and the Baltimore City Council President, partnered to fund community-based organizations to place a Coordinator into each school site. Organizations provide coordination of resources, working with the school staff. Programs and services address youth development, health and mental health, family support, workforce and community development.

- 12 organizations funded to coordinate 35 community schools
- 5 Recreation & Parks center- school partnerships
- Grants funded by Baltimore City, managed by the Family League of Baltimore City
 - 30 refunded for school year 2007-2008
 - 5 selected by competitive bid, August 2007
- Three schools funded by local partners
- Additional sites in development with a variety of funds
- Initiative coordinated by Baltimore City Public School System, through a collaborative Coordinating Council
- Technical support, sustainability assistance, and training provided by Baltimore Community School Connections, the intermediary for the initiative.

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