

**Blue Oak Charter School: Attachment 3:
Community Schools Implementation Plan**

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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Strategy 1: Shared Understanding and Commitment

Strategies, Priorities and Goals

Blue Oak Charter School (Blue Oak) is a Waldorf Inspired charter school. Waldorf focuses of the whole child, developing thoughtful engaged students prepared to make positive change in our world. Blue Oak is in its second year of the Community Schools Planning Grant. In support of this grant, Blue Oak reached out to parents, staff, students, and community members to develop an understanding of the Community Schools approach. The overwhelming response was that this approach closely matches Waldorf philosophy and therefore fits well with Blue Oak. The Community School Advisory Committee is in place including parents, students, staff, faculty, and community members to guide the beginning steps of this process. This advisory is participating in Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) through the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) to receive training and support on Implementation Science, continuous improvement, and data based decision making. Work aligning the efforts of our Community School with the overarching values and devising comprehensive strategies to raise awareness about community schools across our community. A variety of approaches, such as hosting inclusive events, leveraging school announcements, integrating details on our websites and branding materials, and utilizing diverse communication channels—tailored to multiple languages prevalent in our community.

Moreover, we aim to broaden the knowledge of our educational partners, moving beyond the "why" of Community Schools for our school to delve into the "how" and "what." This expansion ensures that their comprehension of community schools resonates with our dedication to overarching values.

Commitment to Racially-Just, Relationship-Centered Spaces:

Blue Oak is committed to recognizing and amplifying the strengths and resources within our students, families, and community. We highly regard the community's collective wisdom stemming from their experiences, family ties, history, cultural backgrounds, and language. Blue Oak has adopted the Social Justice Standards developed by the Southern Poverty Law Center and made available through Learning for Justice. These standards are a requirement for faculty annual plans. At Blue Oak, we offer a curriculum that encourages creativity, develops emotional intelligence, and fosters a sense of community. Our aim is to create strategies that foster a racially equitable and healing school environment. This involves prioritizing the support and inclusion of all students in every aspect of school life, incorporating restorative practices, and nurturing strong relationships with both students and their families. Asset Mapping will be used to support this work.

Blue Oak Charter School will:

- Conduct relational mapping with students, families, and the community to identify strengths and assets.
- Develop programs leveraging identified strengths and assets.
- Train staff in asset-based thinking for daily interactions with students and families.
- Provide staff training and coaching on asset-based thinking and strength-based practices.
- Encourage and assist in using asset-mapping tools and strength-focused assessment methods.
- Share success stories and best practices in asset-driven and strength-based approaches.

Commitment to Shared Power:

Shared leadership is a foundational aspect of Waldorf Pedagogy and therefore Blue Oak. Parents and community members make up the governing body. Faculty and staff are given positions on all council level committees to ensure their voice is heard. Our governing body, the Charter Council, includes both parent and community member positions. The Community School values expand this ideology to include students and increases the focus on diverse populations. Blue Oak is dedicated to cultivating genuine and active shared leadership across all aspects of school governance and operations. The expectation is to move from ideology to action. This involves families, students, staff, and community members in decision-making processes. We aim to utilize the Participatory Systems Change for Equity guide to encourage collaborative decision-making. Additionally, we'll establish frameworks to guarantee that all educational partners have a voice in decision-making processes.

Blue Oak Charter School:

- Increase the options for student engagement in our committees and leadership teams in addition to the current intent to involve parents, teachers, staff, and community partners.
- Establish consistent opportunities for educational partners to give input on policies and programs.
- Use surveys, 1:1 interviews and focus groups for collaborative decision-making with partners.
- Offers resources on shared decision-making for all Committees and Leadership Teams.

Commitment to Classroom-Community Connections:

The school will prioritize teaching and learning that directly relates to, encompasses, and revolves around the wisdom, history, culture, and lived experiences of our students, families, and communities.

Blue Oak Charter School:

Continue to offer diverse perspectives through guest speakers, field trips, and community partnerships.

- Continue to engage with the Social Justice Standards,
- Integrate student feedback into instruction for relevance and meaning.
- Collaborate with community partners for culturally aligned enrichment opportunities.

Commitment to a Focus on Continuous Improvement:

Blue Oak will include implementation science and the Continuous Improvement Model of plan/do/check/act to support the Community School work to tackle root causes and oversee advancements in our developing systems. To ensure cohesive and collective efforts, we will involve the Butte County Office of Education Mental Health and Wellness Team, school leadership teams and committees, Community School Coordinator, and educational partners. Moreover, we'll establish frameworks to handle system-wide challenges across the school site, organizing routine meetings and communication channels to keep all educational partners informed and actively involved. Through models learned through CEI.

Blue Oak Charter School:

- Committees and leadership teams will use strategies such as Learning to Play, Playing to Learn and Healthy Play Improvement Science for ongoing community school enhancements.
- School leadership teams will collaborate with other community school teams to exchange best practices and

improvement strategies.

- School leadership teams will establish consistent methods for sharing successes, identifying growth areas, and celebrating achievements.
- An implementation plan will be developed to define essential components for the community schools initiative.
- The implementation plan will derive from local data and diverse community-based success definitions.
- Tools and training will be developed to aid school leadership teams in executing the plan.
- Annually review and update the implementation plan to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

Strategy 2: Collective Priorities: Setting Goals and Taking Action (The Needs and Assets Assessment)

During year 1 of implementation, our focus on needs and asset mapping assessments will build on prior community engagement in our school's aligned initiatives. We aim to deepen this process by engaging various key stakeholders, i.e. administrators, certificated and classified staff, students, family members, and community partners to identify key community school priorities and vision. Our approach involves using diverse data collection methods like interviews, focus groups, summits, workgroups, family nights, and home visits.

Blue Oak received funding and support through the Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) through the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE). This two-year program is focused on rural schools which received the Community Schools Partnership Grant. It provides foundational team building, data work, coaching and examples of Community Schools. The Advisory Team for the planning grant has committed to participation for the two-year cycle. Blue Oak will work collaboratively to implement the ideas and strategies shared through CEI. Blue Oak will employ diverse strategies involving educational partners to gather comprehensive data. This includes approaches like focus groups and surveys, ensuring cultural responsiveness to for equitable representation and inclusivity in our assessment.

To ensure inclusivity, we'll provide translated surveys, varied data collection formats, and schedule events at different times for accessibility. We'll also collaborate with community partners to identify and mitigate participation barriers, offering childcare, incentives, and/or transportation support.

Moreover, leveraging existing community groups, parent partners, and advocates will aid in engaging hard-to-reach families. Staff positions will adjust to include the expectation that all staff will make connecting with these families a

priority. It will be pivotal in developing connections. This will increase the use of street data techniques to expand our ability to engage the community.

Post-data analysis, and collaborative methods, including the Participatory Systems Change for Equity guide, will facilitate consensus-building and partnership collaboration. Engaging community partners, local nonprofits, government agencies, and businesses will tap into their expertise and resources to address systemic issues and advance community school goals.

Furthermore, ongoing collaborative efforts will include working groups using improvement science and involving educational partners across the school, Butte County Office of Education Mental Health and Wellness Team, the Community School Coordinator, and others. Regular meetings and channels for communication will ensure collective involvement and coordinated actions across school sites.

Blue Oak will continuously align school goals including the LCAP to sustain progress, emphasizing collaboration and community engagement strategies. Prioritizing feedback and communication with educational partners, we'll seek support from regional technical assistance centers (RTAC) to ensure alignment with CDE and Statewide STAC expectations. Regularly reviewing and revising our plans will ensure compliance and alignment with state guidelines and evolving best practices in community schools.

Draft Collective Outcome/Indicators we aim to improve
Priority

<p>Integrated Student Supports: Enhance student well-being by establishing a comprehensive system of support services, including mental health resources, academic intervention programs, and community partnerships to address various student needs holistically.</p>	<p>Mental Health Resource Accessibility: Inventory and establish a baseline of student access to mental health resources.</p> <p>Engage Mental Health Focused staffing: Hire a Mental Health coordinator to address professional development, social emotional learning, support student referrals and adult mental health</p> <p>Academic Intervention Impact: Improve academic performance or grade progression among students participating in intervention programs</p> <p>Community Partnership Engagement: Establish new or strengthened partnerships with community organizations to support student well-being.</p>
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<p>Authentic Family and Community Engagement: Foster deeper collaboration and involvement of families and community members by creating accessible platforms for input, implementing culturally responsive engagement strategies, and initiating activities that strengthen relationships between schools and the community.</p>	<p>Increased Participation: Achieve a measurable rise in the number of family members and community partners engaged in school-related activities or events.</p> <p>Culturally Responsive Platforms: Implement and evaluate culturally sensitive platforms for input and communication, receiving positive feedback from surveyed families and community members.</p> <p>Strengthened Relationships: Conduct regular assessments and aim for positive perceptions of school- community relationships among educational partners surveyed.</p>
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<p>Positive and Restorative School Climate: Cultivate a supportive and inclusive environment by implementing restorative practices, fostering positive relationships among students and staff, and promoting equity and respect throughout the school community.</p>	<p>Restorative Practice Implementation: Track the successful implementation of restorative practices.</p> <p>Positive Relationship Building: Increase reported positive relationships between students and staff, as observed through surveys or other feedback mechanisms.</p> <p>Equity Promotion: Increase perceptions of equity, inclusivity, and respect within the school community through surveys or similar evaluative tools.</p>
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Strategy 3: Collaborative Leadership

<p>Foster Collaborative Leadership to Enhance Decision-Making and Sustainable Transformation</p>	<p><i>Blue Oak is a single site LEA. District level and site level work is combined as one.</i></p> <p>Assessment of Current Governance Structures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct an audit of existing decision-making structures to understand the current landscape of shared leadership and decision-making processes. ● Identify all existing teams, committees, or groups, formal or informal involved in decision-making, assessing their purpose, membership, and efficacy. ● Assess the current shared governance structure, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. ● Develop and implement a revised shared leadership structure that encourages democratic participation and decision-making among students, staff, families, and community members. ● Ensure representation from diverse educational partners in these structures, promoting
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inclusivity and equity in decision-making processes.

Facilitation of Shared Leadership Participation:

- Provide training and resources to educational partners involved in shared leadership structures, fostering skills in collaborative decision-making, conflict resolution, and inclusive dialogue.
- Establish communication channels that allow for transparent sharing of information and feedback between various groups involved in decision-making.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement:

- Regularly assess the effectiveness of the newly established shared leadership structures, seeking feedback from educational partners on the decision-making process and its outcomes.
- Use evaluation results to refine and improve the collaborative leadership approach, making necessary adjustments to ensure continuous enhancement.

Promotion of Sustainability and Acceptance:

- Cultivate a culture of shared responsibility and ownership of decisions among educational partners, emphasizing the long-term sustainability of collaborative leadership models.
- Recognize and celebrate successes resulting from effective collaborative decision-making, encouraging widespread acceptance and implementation of decisions made through this process.

Strategy 3: Collaborative Leadership

In our community school, the system of shared governance and site-level leadership structure is the same. It is designed to ensure diverse educational partner representation and inclusive decision-making processes. Here's an overview of how different educational partners contribute to shared governance:

1. **Executive Director (Superintendent/Principal):** The Executive Director is the key leader and facilitator of the shared governance structure. They oversee the implementation of decisions made collaboratively and provide guidance to ensure alignment with school goals.

2. **Certificated Staff:** Certificated staff members actively participate in decision-making processes through committees, councils, and collaborative teams. They contribute insights on curriculum development, instructional strategies, and student support initiatives.
3. **Classified Staff:** Classified staff, including CCSPP Coordinator, administrative assistants, instructional paraprofessionals, behavior interventionists and wellness-mental health specialists are represented in decision-making groups. They offer valuable input related to school operations, safety measures, and student support services.
4. **Students:** Student voice is encouraged and incorporated into decision-making through student councils, advisory boards, or forums where student representatives share perspectives on school policies, activities, and the overall learning environment.
5. **Parents/Caregivers:** Parents and caregivers serve as vital partners in our shared governance structure through active participation in the Charter Council, Parent Group leadership, School Site Council, and various advisory committees. They engage in regular parent forums, family activities, volunteer opportunities, and parent education nights, providing essential input on school policies, curriculum choices, resource allocation, and family support services. Their perspectives and involvement are crucial for maintaining strong school-family partnerships and ensuring decisions reflect the needs of our diverse family community.
6. **Community Partners:** Our community partners, including local businesses, health providers, social service agencies, cultural organizations, higher education institutions, youth development programs, and government agencies, play an integral role in our collaborative leadership structure. Through advisory board membership, resource coordination meetings, service integration planning, and regular stakeholder engagement, these partners contribute their expertise and resources to enhance our comprehensive support system for students and families. Their active participation in shared decision-making strengthens school-community connections and helps ensure our services align with broader community resources and needs.

Leadership Structure:

A collaborative leadership structure is established to facilitate shared decision-making. This structure includes:

- **Leadership/MTSS Team:** Comprising the executive director, certificated staff representatives, and classified staff, this team meets regularly (staff meetings) to discuss school-wide initiatives, review processes, operational concerns and address individual student needs for intervention. They provide

recommendations to the Executive Director based on their collective discussions.

- **Co-Chairs:** Elected representatives of the faculty meet regularly with the Executive Director to address issues and concerns of the faculty and plan faculty meetings. Co-chairs report monthly to the Charter Council (school board) on faculty activities.
- **Parent Council:** Serves as the leadership core for the parent body, primarily focused on school community and culture as well as fundraising efforts to help support the financial needs of the school.
- **Charter Council and Council Level Committees:** The Charter Council serves as a vital component of the governance structure. Comprised of elected members, three parent representatives and four community members, chosen in accordance with the bylaws of Blue Oak Charter School. The Charter Council plays a significant role in decision-making and school improvement initiatives. Here's an overview of the Charter Council's responsibilities and composition within our school structure:

Responsibilities:

- **Budget Oversight:** Development and approval of the school's annual budget. Review funding allocations, prioritize resource distribution, and ensure alignment with the school's educational plan.
 - **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)/Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA):** Contributes to the creation and revision of the plans, outlining goals, strategies, and actions to improve student achievement, community engagement and school environment. Review progress, assess effectiveness, and recommend adjustments as needed.
 - **Policy Review and Development:** Reviews school policies, programs, and curricular initiatives. They provide input and approve proposed changes or new policies, ensuring they align with the school's mission and benefit students.
 - **Program Evaluation:** Charter Council members participate in evaluating the effectiveness of educational programs and interventions. They assess outcomes, review data, and make recommendations for program improvements.
- **Collaborative Teams:** Collaborative teams represent a crucial aspect of the site-level structures within our school community. These teams are designed to foster collaboration, facilitate data-driven decision-making, and address various aspects of student learning and well-being. Here's an overview of the

Collaborative Teams and their role within our school's site-level structure:

Purpose:

- **Data-Driven Instruction:** Collaborative Teams focus on using data to inform instructional practices. They analyze student performance data, identify learning gaps, and design targeted interventions to support student success.
- **Grade Level Teams/professional Learning Communities (PLCs):** These teams function as professional learning communities, allowing educators to collaborate, share best practices, and develop strategies to improve teaching and learning outcomes.
- **Student Support and Intervention:** Collaborative teams may also concentrate on providing academic and behavioral support to individual students. They devise intervention plans, monitor progress, and make adjustments to better meet students' diverse needs.
- **Behavior Team:** The Behavior Team meets weekly to review student behavioral data, develop intervention strategies, and monitor the effectiveness of support plans. This team, consisting of administrators, counselors, behavior specialists, and selected teachers, uses a proactive approach to address behavioral concerns, implement positive behavior interventions, and create a supportive school environment. They coordinate with families and staff to ensure consistent implementation of behavior support strategies and track progress toward behavioral goals.
- **Attendance Team:** The Attendance Team meets bi-weekly to monitor student attendance patterns, identify at-risk students, and implement targeted interventions to improve school attendance. This team analyzes attendance data, conducts outreach to families of chronically absent students, develops attendance improvement plans, and coordinates support services to address barriers to regular attendance. They work collaboratively with families, community resources, and school staff to promote consistent school attendance and engagement.
- **Special Education Team:** The Special Education Team meets regularly to oversee the implementation of individualized education programs (IEPs), coordinate support services, and ensure compliance with special education requirements. This team, including special education teachers, general education teachers, specialists, and administrators, collaborates to assess student needs, develop appropriate accommodations and modifications, and monitor student progress. They work closely with families to ensure effective communication and appropriate educational support for students with special needs.

This shared governance and leadership structure aims to ensure that diverse voices are heard, promoting inclusivity, transparency, and collective decision-making for the benefit of the entire school community.

Strategy 4: Coherence: Policy and Initiative Alignment

<p>Establishment of Sustainable Staffing and Leadership Teams</p>	<p>Objective 1: Recruitment and Establishment of CCSP Leadership Team/CEI Advisory Action Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify Leadership Team Members: Select and designate individuals for the leadership team, including the executive director, community school coordinator, instructional classified staff, health staff, and other interested staff. 2. Formation of Leadership Team: Facilitate the establishment of the Leadership Team, ensuring representation from diverse backgrounds and skill sets, fostering inclusivity and varied perspectives. 3. Training and Capacity Building: Provide targeted training and professional development sessions for the leadership team, focusing on leadership skills, collaborative problem-solving, community engagement strategies, and understanding the core tenets of the community school model.
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Strategy 5: Staffing and Sustainability

<p>Develop Sustainability Plan</p>	<p>Objective 1: Sustainability Planning Action Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Sustainability Plans: Devise long-term sustainability plans that outline strategies to maintain core services beyond initial funding periods. 2. Resource Allocation: Evaluate and allocate resources to ensure the continuity of core staffing positions critical for the success of the community school model. 3. Continual Evaluation and Adaptation: Regularly review and revise sustainability plans based on ongoing assessment of staffing needs, funding availability, and evolving student requirements to ensure sustained support. 4. Integrate staffing structure into the long term staff and LCAP.
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	<p>By the end of Year 1, our objective is to establish robust and sustainable staffing structures, including a leadership team, encompassing diverse and multilingual staff members committed to supporting the unique needs of our student population. Recruitment, training, and long-term planning, we aim to fortify our staffing resource foundation for enduring success in implementing the community school strategies.</p>
Increase multi-lingual diverse staff	<p>Objective 2: Multilingual and Diverse Staff Recruitment</p> <p>Action Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruitment Strategy: Develop a comprehensive recruitment strategy to attract diverse, multilingual staff members at the school site. 2. Internal Process: Review hiring process and job descriptions to better attract & retain divers and multi lingual employees. <p>Outreach and Networking: Establish connections with various networks, organizations, and educational institutions to actively seek out candidates from diverse backgrounds and linguistic capabilities.</p>
Susan Domenighini	<p>Executive Director: Overseeing the implementation of the community school model at the school site. They lead the school site's Leadership Team, Advisory Council, school staff, and community partners to develop and implement a comprehensive plan that addresses the students' and families' academic, social, and emotional needs at their site.</p>
TBD	<p>Assistant Executive Director: Assists with the implementation of the community schools model at the school site. Participates in the school site's leadership team and staff meetings. Oversees the school site's behavior and attendance intervention programs.</p>
Caren Lehe	<p>Community School Coordinator: Coordinating the implementation of the community school model at the school site. They facilitate the school site's leadership team, Advisory Council, school staff, and community partners meetings to develop and implement a comprehensive plan that addresses the students' and families' academic, social, and emotional needs at their site. They also serve as the primary liaison between the school site and the CA Community Schools Partnership LEA.</p>

Ashley Angel	School Site Wellness Specialist/Counselor: Ensure students and families have access and receive MTSS integrated, goal- oriented services to help students with academics, social and emotional supports.
TBD	Community Leadership Team Member(s): Ensure students and families receive the necessary integrated services. Identify and address the needs of students and families and ensure that the services provided are culturally responsive and meet the needs of diverse communities. Foster a positive school climate and a sense of community among students and staff, promoting a safe and supportive learning environment.
Mele Benz	County Community School Lead: Coordinating the implementation of the community school model across all participating schools. They work closely with the school site's Coordinators & community partners to develop & implement a comprehensive plan that addresses the academic, social, & emotional needs of students and families. They also serve as the primary liaison between the school, RTAC, STAC & the California Department of Education.
Kelley Sexton	School Site Support Staff Data: Design and implement an evaluation plan that measures the impact of the CCSPP implementation on student outcomes, school culture, and Cornerstone Commitments. They work closely with the school sites' leadership teams & other educational partners to collect and analyze data. Develop recommendations for program improvement.
Luis Ortega/Annie Gilbert of Charter Impact	Fiscal Lead: Managing the financial aspects of the grant, including budgeting, accounting, & reporting. They work closely with the school's leadership team to ensure that resources are used effectively & efficiently and that financial goals & targets are met.
Wellness Coaches/School Site Mental Health Specialist:	Will fully integrate social & emotional services that improve student outcomes using Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), who utilizes the six principles of trauma-informed care developed by CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) and National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NTCIC): Safety, trustworthiness &

transparency, peer support, collaboration & mutuality, empowerment voice & choice, cultural, historical & gender issues to coordinate a full scale collaboration from students, parents, teachers, staff and community partners to identify assets, needs and create an integrated social and emotional framework within the school that serves to support the whole- child.
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Blue Oak has initiated various strategies to ensure sustainability beyond the implementation grant, aiming to secure consistent revenue streams, enhance capacity, consolidate student programs, and foster alignment within our educational ecosystem.

Sustainable Revenue Stream: Leveraging diverse funding sources like increased enrollment, federal grants (MHSA, MHSSA), state initiatives (Rising Scholars, Prop 28 Arts & Music Education), and programs (Equity Multiplier, Student Support Block Grant) supports our community school efforts. Billing for direct services through Medi-Cal adds to this sustainability, providing steady funding for our programs. The Department of Health Care Services Student Health Demonstration Grant augments these efforts, aiding in Medi-Cal billing by hiring Wellness Coaches, certifying them, and utilizing their services to generate revenue while offering essential mental health support to students, staff and families.

Build Capacity and Sustainability: Prepared a fully developed professional development plan including new staff orientation, continuous training on community school best practices, leadership enhancement, and capacity building for coordinators and Leadership Teams will fortify our schools. This ongoing investment ensures sustained competence in community school implementation.

Consolidated Student Programs and Education Support: Collaboration across departments maximizes the impact of community school efforts. Aligning resources and fostering coordination ensures efficiency and effectiveness. Our school's structured approach enables timely identification and resolution of emerging needs and opportunities, ensuring sustained improvements for students, families, and communities.

Alignment: Embedding community schools into broader strategic plans and priorities ensures integration and longevity. Aligning our Implementation Plan with LCAP, fosters synergy and coherence across initiatives. This integrated approach

ensures that community schools remain a fundamental part of our educational strategy, fostering continued growth and success.

These strategic measures will lay a robust foundation for sustainability beyond the implementation grant. By securing diversified revenue streams, investing in capacity building, consolidating programs, and aligning with broader initiatives, we ensure the long-term success and expansion of our community school initiatives.

Strategy 6: Strategic Community Partnerships

<p>Foster Collaborative Partnerships for Holistic Community Support</p>	<p>Assess Community Needs and Assets: Conduct comprehensive surveys, interviews, and focus groups to identify community needs and assets. Engage educational partners—students, families, educators, and community members—to gather diverse perspectives and insights.</p> <p>Identify Potential Partners: Map and assess local organizations, agencies, nonprofits, and businesses aligned with the identified needs and assets. Prioritize partnerships that share a holistic focus on student well-being, family support, and community engagement.</p> <p>Establish Collaborative Partnerships: Initiate dialogue with potential partners to discuss shared goals and areas of collaboration. Formulate agreements outlining mutual objectives, roles, and responsibilities, ensuring a clear understanding of collective aims.</p> <p>Integrate Partners into Planning and Development: Involve community partners in the planning and development phases of community school initiatives. Collaborate on program design, resource allocation, and implementation strategies to ensure inclusivity and cultural responsiveness.</p> <p>Continuous Improvement and Evaluation: Regularly assess the effectiveness of partnerships and initiatives through feedback mechanisms and data analysis. Adapt and refine strategies based on feedback to ensure sustained impact and alignment with evolving community needs.</p> <p>Capacity Building and Resource Sharing: Provide training and resources to partners, facilitating their capacity to contribute effectively. Share best practices, resources, and expertise to enhance the collective impact of the partnership.</p> <p>Promote Engagement and Communication: Establish transparent communication channels to facilitate ongoing dialogue between schools, LEAs, and community partners. Organize regular meetings, forums, and events to foster collaboration, inclusivity, and active participation.</p> <p>Celebrate Success and Recognition: Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of community partners. Recognize their role in shaping a supportive learning environment and fostering a sense of belonging within the community.</p>
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By establishing and nurturing collaborative partnerships, our aim is to create a comprehensive support network that addresses the diverse needs of students, families, and the community. These partnerships will serve as pillars in shaping an inclusive, culturally responsive, and supportive environment for all educational partners involved in the community school initiative.

Blue Oak prioritizes collaborative partnerships that align with the vision and priorities of our students, staff, families, and the broader community. These partnerships are crucial to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all educational partners. Currently we have or are developing partnerships as follows:

State Transformational Assistance Center (STAC)

Engaging with STAC allows us to tap into statewide expertise and initiatives. This partnership enables us to stay informed about the latest educational frameworks, standards, and innovative strategies. It ensures that our community school vision remains aligned with state-level priorities and requirements.

Regional Technical Assistance Center (RTAC)

The RTAC partnership is integral to our continuous improvement efforts. By collaborating with RTAC, we gain access to valuable expertise, guidance, and resources that support our community school initiatives. This partnership ensures that our strategies align with best practices and evolving research in the education field.

Butte County Office of Education (BCOE)

BCOE provides access to countywide services such as School Ties for homeless and foster youth, the Mental Health and Wellness Team, dental health and other services.

California State University (CSU), Chico

Receive support and training from various departments such as the schools of Social Work and Education.

Additionally our Community School Coordinator is currently working with our partners at BCOE to bring Emotional Liberation training by Juni Banerjee-Stevens, PhD. Juni is the owner of Deer Park Counseling & Consulting and Assistant Professor – Faculty Staff at Chico State University. She is committed to promoting social justice through the practice of psychology. This stance has guided her work with clients from underrepresented populations, including first-generation college students, LGBTQ, and international students, as well as students who straddle more than one culture (e.g., children of immigrants).

Her Emotional Liberation training for up to 40 individuals, we intend to invite the RTAC – Butte County’s CCSPP

Coordinators, BCOE Partners, School Site Staff as well as parents/caregivers to attend this “Train the Trainer” 3 day series. Training Material: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CJmPdpRe9XbrLJTxotG5JlQloltY7AtT/view?usp=sharing>.

County Community School Lead

Our collaboration with the County Community School Lead is aimed at leveraging local knowledge and resources. This partnership focuses on tailoring our community school programs to address the specific needs and challenges prevalent within our county. By working closely with the lead, we ensure that our initiatives are responsive and impactful within the local context.

Boys and Girls Club of the North State

Partnering with the Boys and Girls Club brings opportunities for extended learning, mentorship, and recreational activities. This collaboration enriches our students' experiences beyond the classroom, providing them with diverse opportunities for growth, skill-building, and community engagement.

North Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS)

Collaborating with NVCSS in Butte County opens avenues for fully integrating social and emotional services that will improve student outcomes using a Multi-Tiered System of Support.

Butte County Behavioral Health

Partnering with Butte County Behavioral Health aims to enhance mental health resources and support within our school community. This collaboration ensures access to counseling services, mental health awareness programs, and resources to support the emotional well-being of our students, staff, and families.

Community Businesses

Engaging with local businesses enriches our educational programs and supports real-world learning experiences. Partnerships with community businesses provide opportunities for internships, mentorship, and career exploration, bridging classroom learning with practical applications in the workforce.

Local Indigenous Resources

Four Winds, Chico State Tribal Relations, The Mechoopda Indian Tribe, and Northern Valley Indian Health are providing resources to connect with education options and support our indigenous families.

Each partnership is carefully designed to support our community school's vision and priorities by addressing specific needs identified through ongoing assessments and engagement with students, staff, families, and

community members. These collaborations reinforce our commitment to providing a comprehensive and responsive educational experience that prepares students for success in both academics and life beyond school.

Strategy 7: Professional Learning

<p>Enhance the Community School Strategy through Comprehensive Professional Learning</p>	<p>Customized Learning Paths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop customized learning paths based on identified needs, ensuring role-specific supports for administrators, educators, and classified staff, considering their roles in the community school framework. <p>Role-Specific Training and Workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offer role-specific training sessions and workshops focused on shared leadership, collaboration, and relationship-building tailored to the needs of administrators, educators, and classified staff. ● Implement training programs that promote culturally-affirming, asset-based teaching practices, and encourage a democratic and community-based approach to education. <p>Family and Community Engagement Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organize workshops and events for families to enhance their understanding of the community school strategy, providing resources and guidance on how they can actively participate and support their child's education. ● Collaborate with community partners to host sessions that empower families in their roles within the community school framework. <p>Mentorship and Coaching Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop mentorship programs pairing experienced educators with newcomers to the community school environment, fostering a culture of support and shared learning. ● Offer coaching sessions to educators focusing on culturally relevant teaching methods, asset-based education, and community engagement techniques. <p>Continual Evaluation and Adaptation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuously assess the effectiveness of professional learning initiatives through feedback mechanisms and data analysis, adapting the programs based on observed outcomes and
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	<p>evolving needs through the continuous improvement model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engage in regular reflection sessions with educational partners to ensure the alignment of professional learning with the changing dynamics of the community school strategy.
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Strategy 8: Centering Community-Based Curriculum and Waldorf Pedagogy

<p>Facilitate Educators in Community-Based Learning (CBL) practices</p>	<p>Introduction to Foundations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct workshops and seminars to introduce educators to the theoretical underpinnings of Community Based Learning (CBL), exploring its roots in community engagement, cultural responsiveness, and experiential education. ● Provide resources, readings, and discussions on the principles of reciprocity, empowerment, integration, authenticity, and reflection as foundational elements of CBL. <p>Case Studies and Exemplars of CBL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase case studies and examples of successful CBL initiatives in diverse educational settings, featuring how CBL has been effectively integrated into various subjects and grade levels. ● Encourage discussions and dialogues among educators to dissect these examples, extracting practical strategies for implementing CBL in their own classrooms. <p>Collaborative Teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish Collaborative Teams dedicated to exploring and implementing CBL, offering a
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platform for educators to share insights, challenges, and innovative approaches related to community-based learning.

- Encourage peer mentoring and collaborative lesson planning sessions within Collaborative Teams to foster a supportive environment for CBL experimentation and implementation.

Workshops on Integrating CBL in Classrooms:

- Organize practical workshops focusing on integrating CBL into lesson plans, curriculum development, and instructional strategies across various subject areas and grade levels.
- Provide educators with hands-on activities and resources demonstrating how to align CBL with academic standards while maintaining its authenticity and relevance.

Community Engagement and Partnership Building:

- Facilitate opportunities for educators to engage with community partners and educational partners to understand local needs, assets, and opportunities for integrating CBL into the curriculum.
- Collaborate with community organizations to create projects and initiatives that align with curriculum goals, fostering reciprocal relationships and authentic learning experiences for students.

Reflection and Assessment:

- Integrate structured reflection exercises into the CBL framework, guiding educators on how to facilitate reflective practices for students to deepen their understanding of community-based experiences.
- Develop assessment tools and methods to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of CBL on student learning outcomes and community engagement, encouraging ongoing refinement of CBL practices.

By implementing these action steps, our goal is to equip educators with the knowledge, tools, and support necessary to confidently integrate community-based learning into their instructional practices, fostering meaningful connections between academic content and the real-world experiences of students within their communities.

Strategy 9: Progress Monitoring and Possibility Thinking

<p>Develop an Effective Evaluation Plan for Community Schools Initiative</p>	<p>Educational Partner Engagement for Needs Identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engage educational partners, including students, families, staff, and community members, in collaborative sessions to identify critical needs and desired outcomes for the community schools initiative. ● Conduct surveys, focus groups, and forums to gather diverse perspectives on defining success within the community context. <p>Metrics and Indicators Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish a metrics framework encompassing academic, socio-emotional, and community-based indicators aligned with the community schools' goals and priorities. ● Define qualitative and quantitative measures that capture academic growth, family engagement levels, student well-being, community partnerships, and school climate. <p>Data Collection and Analysis Systems: Create systems for efficient data collection using a mix of surveys, assessments, interviews, and community feedback mechanisms.</p>	<p>Academic Growth: Increased proficiency rates in core subjects, improved graduation rates, enhanced attendance, and decreased chronic absenteeism.</p> <p>Family and Community Engagement: Higher participation in family engagement activities, increased satisfaction rates among families regarding school involvement, and expanded partnerships with community organizations.</p> <p>Student Well-being: Improved social-emotional learning outcomes, reduced disciplinary incidents, and increased utilization of mental health resources.</p> <p>Community Partnerships: Growth in the number of partnerships and their depth, measured by increased support, involvement, and contributions from community organizations.</p> <p>School Climate: Positive shifts in school climate perception, measured through surveys assessing safety, inclusivity, and sense of belonging among students and staff.</p>
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- Implement data analysis strategies to interpret and make sense of the collected information, identifying trends and areas for improvement.

Regular Progress Monitoring:

- Set up regular intervals for progress reviews to track the initiative's success against established metrics.
- Use these monitoring sessions as opportunities for possibility thinking, encouraging brainstorming for innovative solutions and celebrating achievements.