

Request for Decision

Annual update from the Advisory Panel on Children and Youth and Recommendation on Full Service Community Schools

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Recommendation

WHEREAS publicly-funded schools are valuable community assets and are important centres of community in many neighbourhoods, and;

WHEREAS full service community schools have the potential to enhance youth and parent engagement and community involvement and overcome social and economic barriers to learning and participating, and;

WHEREAS school boards need the assistance of a range of community partners to meet the complex needs of families in our communities, and;

WHEREAS the City has a role to play in supporting strong community schools, and promoting a vision for Full Service Community Schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury endorse the Vision for Full Service Community Schools, presented by the Advisory Panel on Children and Youth.

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Background

The Advisory Panel on Children and Youth is a committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts, businesses and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life for children. Among the Advisory Panel's primary objectives are:

- to act as a support to the Mayor and Council on matters relating to children by providing advice on the development of policies and programs to address the needs of all children in the City of Greater Sudbury; and
- to support strategies that foster and promote Sudbury's capacity to support children, parents and healthy child development, especially for those children who are disadvantaged due to poverty or any other factors that put them at risk.

About the Vision for Full Service Community Schools

The work of the Best Start Network in creating Best Start Hubs for young children and their families in 13 schools throughout our community has demonstrated the value of opening school facilities to children and families; strengthening the partnerships between schools and community; providing more integrated services for children and families, and building a sense of community for families, centred in local schools.

The Children and Youth Roundtable Advisory Panel has worked to expand the concept of schools as hubs of community to older children and youth and has found support for this idea from many other constituencies. The Ministry of Education's pilot "Priority Schools" initiative has created an opportunity for the Advisory Panel to work with School Board and Community partners, including Ward Councillors and Community Action Networks, to develop models of Schools as Community Centres that could be replicated in selected neighbourhood schools, to meet the needs of their local communities.

The Advisory Panel developed a "Vision for Full Service Community Schools" which has been endorsed by all four school boards, the Sudbury District Health Unit and other community partners. The Advisory Panel is currently undertaking a Report Card on Full Service Community Schools which will highlight the progress that has been made and the opportunities and challenges in moving this vision forward.

One example of a school that has made significant progress in becoming a full service school is St. David's Catholic School in the Flour Mill/ Donovan neighbourhood. The following programs and partnerships are currently underway at this school:

- Breakfast Program - in partnership with the Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Better Beginnings Better Futures, the Kinsmen Club and Holy Trinity Men's Club
- Ojibwe as a Second Language
- Elder in the School Program - White Buffalo Road Healing Lodge
- The School Preservation Program - Child and Family Centre
- St. Albert Adult Education Centre
- Aboriginal Best Start Hub
- After School Better B Kids
- After School Homework Club
- Cambrian College/Laurentian University- placement students
- Holy Trinity Church/ Christ the King Church- parish partnership
- Love of Reading - Chapters / Indigo Book Grant
- Greater Sudbury Police - visiting program and VIP drug prevention
- Sudbury Regional Hospital Youth Diabetes Program - screening and education
- Community use of schools - youth programming and adult programming in the evening and evening healing circles for men and women through White Buffalo Road Healing Lodge
- After school sports and clubs facilitated by teachers, EA's and community volunteers
- Christmas gift programs

The Advisory Panel recommends that Council endorse this vision to show support for this community initiative.