

## **Full-Service Community Schools Amendment**

**The Full-Service Community Schools Amendment expands the full-service community schools model to schools across the country.** Full-service community schools are public elementary or secondary schools that undertake comprehensive efforts to coordinate and integrate educational, developmental, family, health, and other services through community-based organizations and public-private partnerships. By housing these resources together under one roof, full-service community schools help ensure that social services are delivered to children more efficiently and effectively – saving resources. Access to these services are provided to students, families, and the community throughout the year—both while school is in session and when it is not.

**Community schools can help provide support for students to enable them to be college and career ready by the time they graduate from high school.** By offering a full range of services and support, full-service community schools help ensure that students have the physical, social, and emotional well-being to come to school ready to engage and learn.

**This amendment will allow the Secretary of Education to award grants which assist public elementary or secondary schools in functioning as full-service community schools.** To qualify, eligible entities must demonstrate that they are capable of integrating multiple services into a comprehensive, coordinated program supported by research and they can provide qualified services at two or more public elementary schools or secondary schools. As a part of their application, eligible entities must also include a community needs assessment, measureable yearly performance goals, and performance measures to monitor progress.

**The Full-Service Community Schools Amendment further sets aside dedicated funding for rural applicants because the full-service community schools model can be particularly effective in rural areas.** States would have the ability to collaborate with other governmental agencies or nonprofit organizations that provide services to children and families in order to expand the development of full-service community schools in the state, particularly schools in high poverty rural areas.

**Recognizing the value in rigorous analysis and review, this legislation would establish an advisory committee, which would consult with the Secretary of Education on the development and implementation of community schools program and will issue an annual report to Congress on these efforts.** Members of this committee would include the Attorney General, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Labor.