Laying the Groundwork for Aligning the Healthy Richmond Project with West Contra Costa Unified School District Priorities & Goals

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Agenda

• PLUS Fellowship Project Scope
• Community Schools Overview
• Richmond Landscape
• Emerging Directions
• Exploring Next Steps
PLUS Project Scope

How can the Healthy Richmond Hub support the alignment and coordination of community and school efforts to improve outcomes and opportunities for young people?

• What are the goals of the Healthy Richmond Project and WCCUSD, and where do they align?
• What are promising models for community and school partnerships?
• What is Richmond currently doing?
PLUS Project Timeline

Phase I: Early Inquiry
• Landscape of community and school partnerships in Richmond

Feb - May 2012

Phase II: Inquiry & Analysis
• Short- and long-term recommendations for implementation

Aug - May 2013
Healthy Richmond

“To help our community become a place where all children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn”

Photos: Nevin Community Center Re-Opening, CCISCO; Bike Fiesta, City of Richmond Health Initiatives
Healthy Richmond Priority Outcomes

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West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD)

- Serves >29,000 students
- K-12 schools: 50
  - 30 Elementary Schools
  - 6 Middle Schools
  - 6 High Schools
- K-12 schools in Richmond: 23
WCCUSD Priority Goals

Student Achievement  Safety  Accountability  Community Engagement

Source: WCCUSD Strategic Plan & 2010-11 Annual Report
Photos: Peres Elementary Garden Party, City of Richmond Health Initiatives; Building Blocks for Kids; Richmond High School, SF Gate
What is a community school?

• Place, strategy, approach, set of partnerships between the school and community resources *that are determined and defined by the community*

• Integrated focus on health, academics, social services, youth and community development

• Community centers open early, late, evenings and weekends

• Learning centers for 21st century, real world skills

*Coalition for Community Schools, [www.communityschools.org](http://www.communityschools.org)*
What are the conditions that community schools seek to fulfill?

- Challenging core curriculum
- Students engaged in learning in and out of school
- Basic physical, mental and emotional health needs are met
- Mutual respect and effective collaboration
- Community supports and connects to broader learning network
How do community schools align with Healthy Richmond?
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Schools are key anchor institutions that cut across all HR outcome areas.

Mobilizes and leverages existing community assets centered around youth.

Collaborative framework for addressing equity - opportunity gap vs. achievement gap.

Builds on a strong foundation of community planning and engagement.

Community Engagement
Richmond Landscape: Snapshot of Community & School Partnerships
Richmond Community & School Partnerships

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SCHOOL SITES

San Pablo Community Schools Engine Team
Richmond Community & School Partnerships

- Richmond Health Equity Partnership
- Community Health & Wellness Implementation
RHEP Collaborative Resources

January 2012

1. City of Richmond General Plan Community Health and Wellness Element
2. City of Richmond General Plan Education and Human Services Element
3. Health Disparities in Contra Costa
4. Health in All Policies, Health Data in all Decisions: Data, Indicators, and Tracking Strategies for Implementation of the City of Richmond's Health and Wellness Element
5. City of Richmond Final Community Health and Wellness Element Pilot Implementation Progress Report
7. Neighborhood Action Plan – Belding Woods
8. Measuring What Matters: Neighborhood Research for Economic and Environmental Health and Justice in Richmond, North Richmond and San Pablo

February 2012

1. TCE Approved Work Plan
2. Healthy Richmond City Map
3. Healthy Richmond Logic Model
4. Healthy Richmond Narrative Explanation of the Logic Model

March 2012

Richmond Health Equity Partnership materials and resources available at [www.richmondhealth.org](http://www.richmondhealth.org)
Richmond Community & School Partnerships

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School-Based Health Centers (Richmond, Kennedy, De Anza, El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole)
Richmond Community & School Partnerships

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Toward an Aligned Community School Vision & Strategy

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OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

Health
Home
Violence
Free
Healthy
Comm. +
School
Env.
Economic
Dev.

Shared vision
Shared accountability
Continuous communication
Mutually reinforcing activities
Backbone support organization

Collective Impact

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES
Emerging Directions

• Start with parent networks and school-based health centers as potential anchors to build out shared community school vision and strategy
• Align academic initiatives with City of Richmond’s Health in All Policies approach
• Build a system of shared measurement and accountability
• Manage and support on-going cultural change process
• Engage youth in identifying assets and needs
Discussion: Exploring Next Steps

How can the Healthy Richmond Hub support community and school partnerships in a mutually reinforcing relationship to better meet the comprehensive needs of young people?

- What major opportunities and challenges does this raise for you?
- What are possible types of supportive relationships? How can we engage and where do we need to build capacity?
- What information do we need to better inform this?
- What are the priority next steps for further research?
Thank you

Photo: Fed. Interagency Workgroup on Environmental Justice, Nov. 2011, City of Richmond