Mechanics of City-School Initiatives

Innovative Policy Strategies to Align Public Education and Neighborhood Transformation

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Today’s Opportunity

We must look to a new, unified framework for neighborhood policy, one that treats people and place policies as fundamentally intertwined and mutually reinforcing.

Bruce Katz, Brooking Institution

Regional equity seeks holistic, comprehensive approaches to the needs of low-income communities and underscores the connection between 'people' and 'place' based strategies.

Angela Glover-Blackwell, PolicyLink
When you choose a home, you don’t just choose a home. You choose transportation to work. You choose schools for your children. You choose a community. Place is at the center of every decision each of us makes.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan

When the school becomes the center of community life, great things are going to happen for those families, and great things are going to happen to those children.

ED Secretary Arne Duncan
Driving Questions

Where’s the win-win for educational improvement and housing/neighborhood redevelopment?

How can systems drive and implement this work, ensuring equitable, healthy, and sustainable outcomes?
The Mechanics of City-School Initiatives:

Transforming Neighborhoods of Distress & Despair into Neighborhoods of Choice & Promise

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CONNECT PEOPLE, PLACE, AND POLICY FOR EDUCATIONAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD SUCCESS

1. Leverage bricks and mortar investments for innovative and connected built environments

2. Align social services, community resources, and innovations in high quality education, pre-k through college/career

3. Institutionalize innovations through collaborative policymaking
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① Cultivate visionary leadership, identify champion

② Adopt shared vision

③ Align physical infrastructure

④ Create formal agreements

⑤ Establish interagency communications
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⑥ Provide **social services** aligned to educational needs

⑦ Prepare all students for **college** and **careers**

⑧ **Engage** children and youth in process

⑨ Coordinate external **communications**

⑩ **Evaluate**, assess, and realign
I think things are related. New housing, better schools, and other projects will bring the community closer, there will be more safe places to go to, and it will bring people together.

D.S., NURVE youth leader, 2009
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