



## The Webster School, A Community Partnership School

At The Webster School, A Community Partnership School our goal is to empower children and families to succeed.

### Leading Students to Success

At Webster, programs and services available to students build on daily classroom learning, and include the following:

- On-site health care and counseling
- Affordable after-school programming
- Referrals to additional services
- Open-door policy
- Food and clothing pantry

### Serving Families

At Webster, we offer something no other school has in the community: A full-time Parent Resource Center, which allows you to play an active role in your child's education.

Here, you'll find a comfortable and welcoming environment featuring classes and events that offer opportunities to succeed including:

- After-school family programs
- Family-friendly food and clothing pantry
- Educational assistance

Through the efforts of the Community Partnership School, the number of students served during the holiday season doubled. In previous years, only parents who submitted paperwork were served for Christmas, totalling around 70 families. This year, a holiday shop was organized where parents and caregivers could shop on various days for their students. Through the shop, 152 families were served, and \$600 was also collected in a unique Pay it Forward opportunity. The funds raised were split between the PTO and a grieving family.

## Partnership in Action

"I would like to say 'thank you' and show my appreciation for the clothes you gave my son. He really was in need ... I was having to do laundry every other day because he only had 2 outfits nice enough for school, and even though he never said so, I know it embarrassed him. But thanks to you, he now has enough to wear a decent outfit every day of the school week. I'm so glad you are there and I hope you help others as much as you have our family." - A Webster student's mother

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The Webster School, A Community Partnership School is a partnership between St. Johns County Schools, Children's Home Society of Florida, Flagler Hospital and St Johns River State College.



## Community Partnership Schools



### The Challenge

Thousands of students attending Title I schools arrive with heavy baggage: **hunger, homelessness, poverty, violence, mental health struggles, illness and more.** They carry so much weight that they simply cannot focus on their education.

### The Solution: Community Partnership Schools

Community Partnership Schools provide support, services and solutions to help alleviate these burdens. As more weight is lifted, students find the balance to focus on learning so they can realize their full potential. Community Partnership Schools also engage parents and the community to empower students and families to succeed.

#### The core of every Community Partnership School is a strong foundation:

**4 or more core partners:** School district, reputable nonprofit like CHS, healthcare provider, college or university.

**Long-term commitment:** Partners make a 25-year (or longer) commitment.

**Shared decision-making:** Governed by a council of representatives from each partner organization, school leadership and community members to make decisions about funding, allocating resources, services and more.

**Leveraged resources:** Community Partnership Schools identify and coordinate local providers that can offer academic support programs, enrichment activities and wellness services at the school. For every \$1 spent to operate the Community Partnership School, partners bring an average of \$3 of additional resources to the school. By blending and braiding funding from multiple sectors (health, education, human services), we create opportunities in the school and surrounding community to remove barriers to learning and success.



#### Each Community Partnership School focuses on four pillars:

- ★ **Extended learning:** Academic support and enrichment take place before and after school, during weekends and in the summer to augment traditional learning during the school day.
- ★ **Student supports:** A range of health and social services are accessible on the school campus.
- ★ **Family & community engagement:** Families and the community are partners in children's education, and the school becomes a neighborhood center offering enrichment opportunities for both students and adults.
- ★ **Collaborative leadership:** A culture of shared governance and collective decision-making advances a unified vision to identify needs and provide appropriate resources and solutions in the school and community.