



City/Schools Liaison Committee Supplemental Report

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TITLE

City-Schools Collaborations Memo – Report out from the Subcommittee related to the Collaborations between the City and PAUSD

SUBJECT: City/School Strategic Collaborations

Throughout their history, PAUSD and the City have developed a range of programs and services to *serve the needs of Palo Alto youth and families*. Many of those efforts have been coordinated between the agencies while others have been performed independently. Despite the many existing programs, the relationship has been more piecemeal than coordinated in recent decades. A more strategic approach would likely benefit both bodies, as well as serving better the youth and families of our community.

After reviewing models of master city/school collaboration we recommend that, rather than working toward a master agreement, we should develop a master list of existing programs where we currently collaborate or coordinate, or that present synergies between the bodies. This master list can serve to review those areas more strategically to leverage resources or to identify additional unmet needs so that we can better explore how to work together to meet those needs. In addition, this framework can serve discussions with Stanford University, Los Altos Hills, and private schools in Palo Alto to better collaborate on youth needs in Palo Alto or PAUSD.

If the City/School Liaison Committee agrees with this approach, the Committee can recommend adoption of the framework to their respective bodies.

ATTACHMENT A – exiting programs

Transportation and Planning:

- Safe Student travel
 - o Safe Routes to School
 - City program management, education, contracts
 - School facility use
 - Ongoing support from the District
 - Parent engagement – City /School Traffic Safety Liaison Committee
 - Grade Separation issues
 - Bike Infrastructure, including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan
 - o Crossing Guards
 - o Transit. Former shuttle buses and current PALink, Stanford's Marguerite system.
- Bike/ped capital investments
 - o Pedestrian and bicycle improvements (e.g., Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, SRTS, City Capital Improvement Plan)
 - o Caltrain grade separations

Sustainability and Climate Change.

- PAUSD sustainability initiatives
- Sustainable Schools Committee
- Microgrids/Solar sites
- Palo Alto Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (SCAP)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs

- Collaboration with East Palo Alto

Development

- Locations of new family-oriented housing growth to school locations
- Unhoused families – transitional and permanent housing
- Teacher and PAUSD classified worker housing projects

Youth Mental Health:

- Project Safety Net and PSN partners
- District programs and resources
- County resources including the ALCOVE center

Teen Leadership Programs:

- Palo Alto Youth Council and Teen Advisory Board
- Other programming for teens at community centers and libraries
- PAUSD programs
- Youth Community Service (YCS)

Sports and Recreation:

- School playing fields, gyms, pools, and other sport facilities
- Teen concerts
- Middle school athletics
- All-inclusive “Magical Bridge” playgrounds

Libraries and Community Services

- Libraries
 - o City/school partnerships (e.g., sharing Summer Reading Program materials at schools)
 - o Career services
 - o Student Library ID as City Library Card partnership
 - o Youth centers at city libraries
- Community Centers
 - o Cubberley Community Center (e.g. MakeX maker space)
 - o Mitchell Community Center (Drop-in Teen Center)
- Art Programs – 10-21+ years
 - o Youth Art Exhibit at Art Center
 - o Project Look – Partnership for Art Center School Tour Program
 - o Cultural Kaleidoscope Program – Art Center artists in classroom art instruction
 - o Dance in Schools – dance programming in schools
 - o Teen Arts Council
 - o Children’s Theatre – Outreach and Theatre in elementary schools
 - o Street music
- Junior Museum and Zoo – science education

Childcare and Early Education

- o Palo Alto Community Child Care
- o Other early education and child care programs

Safety

- Emergency services and preparedness
- Police. Former School Resource Officers (onsite officers, safety trainings, etc.). Ongoing communication with schools and District (special events, investigations, major case support, etc.)

Community Partners

- Non-profit partners
- Private schools
- Private sector partners
- Stanford University. Office of Community Engagement and other collaborations.