

# Community Impact Report

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## Introduction

Community Impact work is an extension of the District's Community Schools work. We work alongside youth and families, in the places they live, to identify assets and needs so we can build on strengths and mitigate challenges. With a focus on removing barriers and using strengths as success multipliers, we begin to have impact across two generations and change the future of our community. Children spend the majority of their time outside of school and their away from school environment impacts their ability to be in school, ready to learn. Our theory of change is the people closest to their challenges best understand their solutions. Bringing programming to the neighborhood reduces barriers and grows opportunity and allows youth and families to thrive.

The NEA Community Schools Model serves as a framework for Community Impact work.



We focus on pillars 3-6.

- Inclusive Leadership
- Positive Behavior Practices
- Family and Community Partnerships
- Community Support Services

## Assets and Needs information

A few highlights of neighborhood information

1. Assets - Neighborhood where all are housed by definition, Under programmed community center, Strong existing community partnerships
2. Needs - Programming that builds neighborhood cohesion, Programming to increase educational and economic opportunity, Actions to increase sense of safety and belonging in the neighborhood

## Structure and Cadence

- 1. Existing Neighborhood planning teams meet monthly
- 2. Resident Associations have been created and meet monthly
- 3. Neighborhood engagements run monthly as well.
- 4. Other programming runs as developed and scheduled

### Partnership examples

Partners	Activity
YMCA	“Y on the Fly”
Western Technical College	Auto repair partnership “Grow Your Own” grant Neighborhood College Open houses
Hope Restores	Voter Support
UW - La Crosse	Student Research and Support

## Acknowledgements

Community Impact work is collective impact work and requires partnership by necessity. Our work benefits from so many partners. We’d like to thank and acknowledge our neighborhood planning members: La Crosse Area Family Collaborative, La Crosse Police Department, La Crosse Housing Authority, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, City of La Crosse, Hope Restores, and Head Start. We also thank all the other partners who take time to invest in our youth and families to create our best and brightest future.

