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To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to foster community involvement, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. HARE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to foster community involvement, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Working to Encourage  
5 Community Action and Responsibility in Education Act”  
6 or the “WE CARE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The long-term health of the Nation’s de-  
2           mocracy, as well as our economy, is dependent upon  
3           the strength of our young people.

4           (2) The challenge of educating the Nation’s stu-  
5           dents cannot be met by schools alone. Cross-sector  
6           community engagement, including schools, commu-  
7           nity based organizations, businesses, parents, faith-  
8           based organizations, local government, students and  
9           others must all work together to ensure that stu-  
10          dents receive the support they need to be successful.

11          (3) Schools that have strong relationships with  
12          their communities have improved academic achieve-  
13          ment and develop stronger families, schools and  
14          communities.

15          (4) National Academy of Science studies show  
16          that ensuring that a child has adequate nurturing  
17          influences, including those provided by community  
18          programs, results in improved academic, social and  
19          civic outcomes.

20          (5) In order for students to be successful in  
21          school, their academic and non-academic needs must  
22          be met. In a study that analyzed the impact of hav-  
23          ing five key resources in children’s lives: Caring  
24          adults, safe places, a healthy start, an effective edu-  
25          cation, and opportunities to help others, students

1 with four or five of these resources were twice as  
2 likely as their peers with zero or one resource to get  
3 A's in school, 40 percent more likely to volunteer,  
4 and twice as likely to avoid violence.

5 (6) The services provided by community-based  
6 organizations are invaluable in strengthening the  
7 Nation's young people. Research shows that such  
8 services keep students in school, promote their aca-  
9 demic achievement, reduce pregnancy, reduce delin-  
10 quent behavior, and promote civic engagement.

11 (7) Research shows that effective dropout pre-  
12 vention programs meet students' needs inside and  
13 outside the classroom. One such program dem-  
14 onstrated that 82 percent of students improved their  
15 attendance, 86 percent had fewer behavior incidents,  
16 89 percent improved their academic performance,  
17 and 85 percent of eligible seniors graduated from  
18 high school.

19 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**  
20 **ONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.**

21 (a) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—Section 1001 of the  
22 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
23 U.S.C. 6301) is amended—

24 (1) by amending paragraph (11) to read as fol-  
25 lows:

1           “(11) coordinating services under all parts of  
2 this title with each other, with services under all  
3 other titles of this Act, with other education services,  
4 and with other public and private agencies in the  
5 community providing services to children and  
6 youth;”;

7           (2) in paragraph (12) by striking the period at  
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9           (3) by adding at the end the following:

10           “(13) promoting stronger enhanced partner-  
11 ships between schools and their communities that  
12 can contribute to student success and greater family  
13 and community involvement in creating the condi-  
14 tions for learning for their children.”.

15           (b) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.—Section 1003 of that  
16 Act (20 U.S.C. 6303) is amended—

17           (1) in subsection (c)—

18           (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “and” at  
19 the end;

20           (B) in paragraph (3) by striking the period  
21 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22           (C) by adding at the end the following:

23           “(4) demonstrate a commitment to coordinating  
24 with stakeholders in the community, including local  
25 government, community-based service providers and

1 other non-profit organizations, and businesses, to  
2 address the academic and non-academic factors im-  
3 pacting student achievement.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (g)(6)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and”  
6 at the end;

7 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the  
8 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(C) a commitment to coordinating with a  
11 stakeholders in the community, including local  
12 government, community-based service providers  
13 and other non-profit organizations, and busi-  
14 nesses, to address the academic and non-aca-  
15 demic factors impacting student achievement.”.

16 (c) STATE PLANS.—Section 1111 of that Act (20  
17 U.S.C. 6311) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by inserting “students,”  
19 before “and parents”;

20 (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (9)  
21 and inserting the following:

22 “(9) FACTORS AFFECTING STUDENT ACHIEVE-  
23 MENT.—Each State plan shall include—

24 “(A) an assessment of the nonacademic  
25 factors influencing student achievement;

1           “(B) a description of public and private or-  
2           ganizations and agencies within the State that  
3           are working to impact the factors identified  
4           under subparagraph (A), including but not lim-  
5           ited to State departments of health and human  
6           services, State agencies administering juvenile  
7           justice programs, State housing agencies, State  
8           agencies administering national and community  
9           service and service-learning programs, and non-  
10          profit youth development and community based  
11          organizations and other entities as appropriate;

12          “(C) a strategy for coordination and col-  
13          laboration with these organizations and agen-  
14          cies to provide needed services to children,  
15          youth and families that are integrated with  
16          services offered by specialized instructional sup-  
17          port personnel in the school and local edu-  
18          cational agency homeless liaisons, designated  
19          pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the  
20          McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, will  
21          result in improved academic performance; and

22          “(D) an assurance that the State edu-  
23          cational agency will assist local educational  
24          agencies within the State that are identified  
25          under section 1116 in developing and imple-

1           menting such strategies for coordination and  
2           collaboration.”;

3           (3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (4)  
4           and inserting the following:

5           “(4) the State educational agency will work  
6           with other public and private organizations and  
7           agencies, including educational service agencies or  
8           other local consortia, and institutions, including but  
9           not limited to State departments of health and  
10          human services, State housing agencies, State agen-  
11          cies administering juvenile justice programs, State  
12          agencies administering national and community serv-  
13          ice and service-learning programs, and nonprofit  
14          youth development and community based organiza-  
15          tions and other entities as appropriate, to provide  
16          technical assistance to local educational agencies and  
17          schools, technical assistance that will help them ad-  
18          dress the factors identified under (b)(9), including  
19          technical assistance in providing professional devel-  
20          opment under section 1119, technical assistance  
21          under section 1117, and technical assistance relating  
22          to parental involvement under section 1118;”;

23          (4) in subsection (d)—

24                  (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at  
25                  the end;

1 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period  
2 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) involve community-based organizations and  
5 other entities that have relationships with parents  
6 and can facilitate and support their involvement in  
7 the education of their children.”;

8 (5) in subsection (h)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

10 (i) in clause (vii) by striking “and” at  
11 the end;

12 (ii) in clause (viii) by striking the pe-  
13 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;  
14 and

15 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 “(ix) school attendance rates;

18 “(x) average class size in each grade;

19 “(xi) academic achievement and gains  
20 in English proficiency of limited English  
21 proficient students;

22 “(xii) the incidence of school violence,  
23 drug abuse, alcohol abuse, student suspen-  
24 sions, and student expulsions;



1           “(xiii) the extent and type of parental  
2 involvement in the schools;

3           “(xiv) the extent and type of commu-  
4 nity involvement in schools, including part-  
5 nerships between schools and public and  
6 private agencies and organizations, as well  
7 as services provided to children, youth and  
8 families resulting from these partnerships,  
9 and if possible, improvements in student  
10 academic achievement and other non-aca-  
11 demic outcomes resulting from such part-  
12 nerships;

13           “(xv) the percentage of students com-  
14 pleting advanced placement courses, and  
15 the rate of passing of advanced placement  
16 tests;

17           “(xvi) other non-academic outcomes,  
18 including outcomes resulting from partner-  
19 ships between schools and other entities,  
20 which may include social, emotional, phys-  
21 ical, civic, and vocational outcomes; and

22           “(xvii) a clear and concise description  
23 of the State’s accountability system, in-  
24 cluding a description of the criteria by  
25 which the State evaluates school perform-

1           ance, and the criteria that the State has  
2           established, consistent with subsection  
3           (b)(2) of this section, to determine the sta-  
4           tus of schools regarding school improve-  
5           ment, corrective action, and restruc-  
6           turing.”; and

7           (B) in subparagraph (D) by striking “Such  
8           information may include” and all that follows  
9           through the period at the end; and

10          (6) in subsection (h)(2)(B)(i)—

11           (A) in each of subclauses (I) and (II), by  
12           striking “and” at the end; and

13           (B) by adding at the end the following:

14                   “(III) minimum information on  
15                   student attendance rates, truancy  
16                   rates, incidence of school violence, al-  
17                   cohol abuse, students suspension, and  
18                   student expulsions; and

19                   “(IV) the extent and type of  
20                   community and parents involvement  
21                   in the education of their children;  
22                   and”.

23          (d) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PLANS.—Section  
24          1112(b)(1) of that Act (20 U.S.C. 6312(b)(1)) is amend-  
25          ed—

1           (1) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as  
2 follows:

3                   “(B) an assessment of the non-academic  
4 factors influencing student achievement and a  
5 description of the other indicators that will be  
6 used in addition to the academic indicators de-  
7 scribed in section 1111 for the uses described  
8 in such section, including but not limited to the  
9 indicators listed in section 1111(h)(1)(B);”;

10           (2) in subparagraph (P) by striking “and” at  
11 the end;

12           (3) in subparagraph (Q)—

13                   (A) by striking “where appropriate,”; and

14                   (B) by striking the period at the end; and

15           (4) by adding at the end the following:

16                   “(R) a description of how the local edu-  
17 cational agency will coordinate and collaborate  
18 with the State educational agency, other public  
19 and private State agencies, and local public and  
20 private organizations and agencies, including  
21 but not limited to local departments of health  
22 and human services, local housing agencies,  
23 local departments of youth services, local agen-  
24 cies administering juvenile justice programs and  
25 facilities, local agencies and organizations ad-

1 ministering national and community service and  
2 service-learning programs, local law enforce-  
3 ment agencies, and local nonprofit youth devel-  
4 opment and community based organizations,  
5 and other entities as appropriate to provide  
6 services to children youth and families that are  
7 integrated with services from specialized in-  
8 structional support personnel and local edu-  
9 cational agency homeless liaisons, designated  
10 pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the  
11 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, in  
12 order to address the nonacademic factors iden-  
13 tified under subparagraph (B), with an empha-  
14 sis on addressing the needs of schools in school  
15 improvement, corrective action or restructuring  
16 under this section in order to address major  
17 factors that have significantly affected student  
18 achievement at the school; and

19 “(S) ensure that the results from the aca-  
20 demic assessments required under section  
21 1111(b)(3) will be provided to parents and  
22 teachers as soon as is practicably possible after  
23 the test is taken, in an understandable and uni-  
24 form format and provided in a language that  
25 the parents and the public can understand.”.

1 (e) SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS.—Section 1114 of that  
2 Act (20 U.S.C. 6314) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “, as  
5 well as the non-academic needs of students that  
6 impact academic success, including social, emo-  
7 tional, physical and civic needs” before the pe-  
8 riod at the end;

9 (B) in subparagraph (B)(iii)(I)—

10 (i) in each of items (bb) and (cc) by  
11 striking “and” at the end; and

12 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(dd) health, mental health,  
15 housing, and social services, fam-  
16 ily support, youth development  
17 and other activities offered by  
18 specialized instructional support  
19 personnel, educational agency  
20 homeless liaisons, designated pur-  
21 suant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii)  
22 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
23 Assistance Act, public and pri-  
24 vate agencies and community-  
25 based organizations and coordi-

1 nated, if appropriate, in a full  
2 service community school, that  
3 reduce barriers to learning and  
4 improve the capacity of families  
5 to support their children’s edu-  
6 cation;

7 “(ee) efforts to prevent stu-  
8 dents from dropping out of  
9 school, and efforts to reconnect  
10 dropouts to school, alternative  
11 education programs, vocational  
12 training and work opportunities,  
13 or other services deemed appro-  
14 priate by the local educational  
15 agency; and

16 “(ff) efforts focused on re-  
17 ductions in truancy, suspensions,  
18 and expulsions; and”;

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(K) A strategy, developed in partnership  
21 with institutions and organizations such as local  
22 government, community-based organizations, in-  
23 stitutions of higher education, specialized in-  
24 structional support personnel, local educational  
25 agency homeless liaisons, designated pursuant

1 to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-  
2 Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and others for  
3 addressing factors that affect student achieve-  
4 ment and for mobilizing community assets to  
5 support student success. The strategy should  
6 include efforts to increase community involve-  
7 ment, including strategies to provide services to  
8 address the needs identified under described  
9 under subsection (b)(1)(A) and strategies to  
10 form partnerships with public and private orga-  
11 nizations and agencies to implement services in  
12 accordance with items (dd), (ee), and (ff) of  
13 subsection (b)(1)(B)(iii)(I).”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by amending clause  
15 (ii) to read as follows:

16 “(ii) developed with the involvement of  
17 parents and other individuals and organi-  
18 zations in the community to be served and  
19 who will carry out such plan, including  
20 teachers, principals, specialized instruc-  
21 tional support personnel, local educational  
22 agency homeless liaisons, designated pur-  
23 suant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the  
24 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,  
25 Parental Information Centers and adminis-

1           trators (including administrators of pro-  
2           grams described in other parts of this title,  
3           administrators of public and nonprofit  
4           community based services, and services  
5           provided by State and local government),  
6           and, if appropriate, technical assistance  
7           providers, school staff, and, if the plan re-  
8           lates to a secondary school, students from  
9           such school;” and

10           (3) in subsection (e)—

11           (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii) by inserting  
12           after “coordinator” the following: “to link eligi-  
13           ble children and their families with services and  
14           resources available in the community”;

15           (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as (4);

16           and

17           (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
18           following:

19           “(3) REPORTING.—If services described in  
20           paragraph (2) are not available to eligible children  
21           and resources are insufficient in meeting their needs,  
22           the school shall report to the local educational agen-  
23           cy, State educational agency, and public in a manner  
24           deemed appropriate by the school, the number of  
25           children experiencing needs for comprehensive serv-



1 ices, unless doing so would violate the rights to pri-  
2 vacy of such children, the services needed by the  
3 children, and an estimate of the needed financial re-  
4 sources to meet their needs.”.

5 (f) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.—Section 1116 of that  
6 Act (20 U.S.C. 6316) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(3)(A)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i) by  
9 inserting after “serving the school,” the fol-  
10 lowing: “local stakeholders and potential re-  
11 sources (including business leaders), representa-  
12 tives of public and private nonprofit and social  
13 service agencies (including local government  
14 agencies), youth development organizations,  
15 students,”;

16 (B) by redesignating clauses (vi) through  
17 (x) as (vii) through (xi), respectively; and

18 (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 “(vi) conduct a comprehensive needs  
21 assessment, including an assessment of po-  
22 tential resources available in the State and  
23 the community to assist students in meet-  
24 ing the State’s proficient level of achieve-  
25 ment, and develop a plan to partner with

1 public and private social service agencies,  
2 community based organizations, youth de-  
3 velopment organizations, businesses, and  
4 other appropriate organizations, to link  
5 students and their families with support  
6 services to strengthen student performance  
7 at the school, including support services  
8 that will help to meet students' non-aca-  
9 demic needs;”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)(4)(B)—

11 (A) in clause (iii) by striking “and” at the  
12 end;

13 (B) by redesignating clause (iv) as (v); and

14 (C) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 “(iv) shall include assistance in devel-  
17 oping partnerships with public and private  
18 social service agencies, including local gov-  
19 ernment agencies, community based orga-  
20 nizations, youth development organiza-  
21 tions, businesses, and other appropriate or-  
22 ganizations, to link students and their  
23 families with support services to strength-  
24 en student performance, including support

1 services that will help to meet students’  
2 non-academic needs; and”;

3 (3) in subsection (b)(7)(C)(iv) by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 “(VII) Hire or designate a staff  
6 person to coordinate and link students  
7 and families with resources available  
8 in the community to strengthen stu-  
9 dent performance, including support  
10 services that will help to meet stu-  
11 dents’ non-academic needs.”; and

12 (4) in subsection (c)(7)(A)—

13 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i) by  
14 inserting after “school staff,” the following:  
15 “local stakeholders and potential resources (in-  
16 cluding business leaders), representatives of  
17 public and private nonprofit and social service  
18 agencies (including local government agencies),  
19 youth development organizations, students,”;

20 (B) by redesignating clauses (vi) through  
21 (viii) as (vii) through (ix), respectively; and

22 (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(vi) include a comprehensive needs  
25 assessment, including an assessment of po-

1           tential resources available in the State and  
2           the community to assist students in meet-  
3           ing the State’s proficient level of achieve-  
4           ment, and develop a plan to partner with  
5           public and private social service agencies,  
6           community based organizations, youth de-  
7           velopment organizations, businesses, and  
8           other appropriate organizations, to link  
9           students and their families with support  
10          services to strengthen student perform-  
11          ance, including support services that will  
12          help to meet students’ non-academic  
13          needs;”;

14           (5) in subsection (e)(10)(C) by adding at the  
15          end the following:

16                   “(viii) Mandate the placement of at  
17                   least one staff person to coordinate and  
18                   link students and families with resources  
19                   available in the community to strengthen  
20                   student performance, including support  
21                   services that will help to meet students’  
22                   non-academic needs.”;

23           (6) in subsection (e)(2)(A), in the matter pre-  
24          ceding clause (i)—

1 (A) by striking “annual notice to parents”  
2 and inserting “notice to parents multiple times  
3 annually”; and

4 (B) by striking “, to the extent prac-  
5 ticable,”;

6 (7) in subsection (e)(4)(B) by inserting before  
7 the semicolon at the end the following: “, and pro-  
8 vide services in a comprehensive service delivery  
9 model”;

10 (8) in subsection (e)(4)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and”  
12 at the end;

13 (B) in subparagraph (E)—

14 (i) by striking “annual”;

15 (ii) by inserting after “supplemental  
16 educational services” the following: “mul-  
17 tiple times annually”; and

18 (iii) by striking the period at the end  
19 and inserting “; and”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(F) prioritize outreach and technical as-  
22 sistance to existing school-based, community-  
23 based, faith-based and other public agency  
24 afterschool programs, including 21st Century  
25 Community Learning Centers programs, to en-

1 courage them to become providers of supple-  
2 mental educational services.”; and

3 (9) in subsection (e)(5)—

4 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)  
5 and (D) as (D) and (E), respectively; and

6 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)  
7 the following:

8 “(C) Provide delivery of tutoring services  
9 in a comprehensive service delivery model  
10 through partnership or as part of a comprehen-  
11 sive after-school program.”.

12 (g) SCHOOL SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION.—Section  
13 1117 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 6317) is amended in sub-  
14 section (a)(5)(A)—

15 (1) in clause (vi) by striking “or” at the end;

16 (2) by redesignating clause (vii) as (ix); and

17 (3) by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

18 “(vii) representatives of public and  
19 private social service agencies, community  
20 based organizations, youth development or-  
21 ganizations, businesses, and other appro-  
22 priate organizations;

23 “(viii) students; or”.

1 (h) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.—Subpart 1 of part  
2 A of title I of that Act is amended by inserting after sec-  
3 tion 1118 (20 U.S.C. 6318) the following:

4 **“SEC. 1118A. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.**

5 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to  
6 strengthen student achievement by—

7 “(1) engaging the whole community in the edu-  
8 cation of the Nation’s students;

9 “(2) leveraging supports, opportunities, and re-  
10 sources available within the community;

11 “(3) improving the coordination of services for  
12 students, their families, and the community; and

13 “(4) meeting student’s nonacademic needs.

14 “(b) FEDERAL MATCHING FUND AUTHORIZED.—  
15 The Secretary shall award grants to local educational  
16 agencies to support the implementation of community in-  
17 volvement policies consistent with subsection (c).

18 “(1) GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-  
19 CIES.—A grant to a Local Educational Agency  
20 under this section shall not be greater than the  
21 amount of matching funds raised by the Local Edu-  
22 cational Agency and its community partners under  
23 paragraph (3).

24 “(2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY APPLICA-  
25 TION.—Each Local Educational Agency that desires

1 to receive a grant under this section shall submit an  
2 application to the Secretary at such time, and con-  
3 taining such information as the Secretary shall rea-  
4 sonably require. The Secretary shall require that  
5 each such application include the following:

6 “(A) The community involvement policy  
7 developed in accordance with subsection (c).

8 “(B) A description of the community part-  
9 ners that were involved in the development of  
10 the community involvement policy.

11 “(C) A description of the roles that will be  
12 played by partners in the implementation of the  
13 community involvement policy, including a de-  
14 scription of the partners that will provide serv-  
15 ices to students, their families, and the commu-  
16 nity, a description of the services that will be  
17 provided; and memoranda of understanding be-  
18 tween the local educational agency and commu-  
19 nity partners clearly delineating the roles and  
20 responsibilities of the local educational agency  
21 and its partners.

22 “(D) A description of how funds received  
23 under this section will be integrated with other  
24 Federal, state and local funds to maximize serv-  
25 ices and opportunities for students, their fami-



1 lies and the community, including a description  
2 of how funds received under this section will be  
3 distributed and utilized.

4 “(E) A description of the matching funds  
5 secured through the development of the commu-  
6 nity involvement policy pursuant to paragraph  
7 (3).

8 “(3) MATCHING FUNDS.—To be eligible to re-  
9 ceive a grant under this section, a local educational  
10 agency must:

11 “(A) Provide an assurance that it will  
12 spend an amount greater than or equal to 1  
13 percent of such agency’s allocation under sub-  
14 part 2 of this part.

15 “(B) Provide an assurance that it will  
16 raise matching funds from community partners,  
17 including from nonprofit organizations serving  
18 children and youth, businesses, and other Fed-  
19 eral, State, or public sources in an amount  
20 greater than or equal to 1 percent of such agen-  
21 cy’s allocation under subpart 2 of this part, ex-  
22 cept that funds under this subparagraph shall  
23 not be provided from funds appropriated under  
24 subpart 2 of this part. Such funds may be pro-  
25 vided in whole or in-part with in-kind contribu-

1           tions from partners and need not be transferred  
2           to the local educational agency in order to meet  
3           the requirements of this paragraph.

4           “(4) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

5                 “(A) EQUITABLE NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding grants under this sub-  
6           section, the Secretary shall ensure an equitable  
7           geographic distribution of the grants.

9                 “(B) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION.—Funds  
10          awarded to a local educational agency under  
11          this section or dedicated by a Local Educational  
12          Agency under paragraph (3) may be utilized by  
13          the local educational agency or any of its part-  
14          ners to implement the Community Involvement  
15          Policy developed under subsection (c).

16               “(5) MAXIMUM USE OF FUNDS.—Of the funds  
17          awarded to a local educational agency under this  
18          section, the local educational agency must distribute  
19          to its nonprofit community partners an amount that  
20          is greater than or equal to the amount of matching  
21          funds committed by the nonprofit community part-  
22          ners pursuant to paragraph (3)(B). If the amount  
23          awarded to a local educational agency is less than an  
24          amount equal to 2 percent of such agency’s alloca-  
25          tion under subpart 2 of this part, then the local edu-

1        cational agency must distribute to its nonprofit com-  
2        munity partners an amount equal to at least half of  
3        the amount awarded under this section.

4        “(c) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT POLICY.—To re-  
5        ceive a grant under this section, a local educational agency  
6        shall develop jointly with members of the community,  
7        which shall include local government, community based or-  
8        ganizations, child and youth serving organizations and  
9        agencies, other business and community partners, and stu-  
10       dents, a policy for leveraging resources, services, and op-  
11       portunities available within the community in order to  
12       support student achievement by meeting the academic and  
13       non-academic needs of students. The policy shall dem-  
14       onstrate how community resources will be coordinated  
15       with the work of pupil services personnel and local edu-  
16       cational agency homeless liaisons, designated pursuant to  
17       section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
18       Assistance Act and shall be incorporated into the local  
19       educational agency’s plan developed under section 1112.  
20       The policy shall include the following components:

21                “(1) An analysis of available data on the com-  
22                prehensive needs of the students served by the local  
23                educational agency, their families, and the commu-  
24                nity that analyzes the academic, social, emotional,  
25                physical, safety, civic, and, if appropriate, vocational

1 needs of students and their families that may impact  
2 students' ability to meet the challenging State stu-  
3 dent academic achievement standards.

4 “(2) A description of the potential resources,  
5 services, and opportunities available within the com-  
6 munity or available near the community that stu-  
7 dents, their families, and those in the community  
8 may be able to access to meet the needs identified  
9 under paragraph (1) and support students to achieve  
10 the challenging State student academic achievement  
11 standards.

12 “(3) A strategy for developing and supporting  
13 partnerships to provide services to children youth  
14 and families in coordination with pupil services per-  
15 sonnel and local educational agency homeless liai-  
16 sons, designated pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii)  
17 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.  
18 Such partnerships may—

19 “(A) include the local educational agency,  
20 schools, and local departments of health and  
21 human services, local departments of youth  
22 services, local agencies administering juvenile  
23 justice programs and facilities, local agencies  
24 and organizations administering national and  
25 community service and service-learning pro-

1           grams, local law enforcement agencies, local  
2           nonprofit youth development, Parental Informa-  
3           tion and Resource Centers, other community  
4           based organizations, other public agencies, busi-  
5           nesses, and other entities as appropriate;

6           “(B) be designed to provide services to  
7           children youth and families, including health  
8           and mental health services, quality before- and  
9           after-school programming, summer programs,  
10          school and community safety programs, men-  
11          toring, tutoring, service-learning, youth develop-  
12          ment, internships and apprenticeships, family  
13          strengthening activities, career counseling, job  
14          training, nutrition, and other services; and

15          “(C) involve the hiring or designating of a  
16          community involvement coordinator within the  
17          local educational agency, school or partner or-  
18          ganization to facilitate the implementation of  
19          this section.

20          “(4) A strategy for informing parents and care  
21          takers of the opportunities for services available  
22          through the partnerships developed under paragraph  
23          (3).

24          “(5) A strategy for linking students and their  
25          families with the opportunities for services available

1 through the partnerships developed under paragraph  
2 (3), including a strategy for meeting the transpor-  
3 tation needs of students and families in coordination  
4 with partnering organizations and a strategy for cov-  
5 ering the costs of such services.

6 “(6) A strategy for evaluating the impact of the  
7 community involvement policy and its implementa-  
8 tion, including a description of the resources, sup-  
9 ports and opportunities leveraged from the commu-  
10 nity to benefit students, their families, the local edu-  
11 cational agency, schools, and the community.

12 “(7) A strategy for identifying barriers to devel-  
13 oping effective school-community partnerships and  
14 developing ways to mitigate such barriers.

15 “(8) A strategy for providing professional devel-  
16 opment to principals, teachers, pupil services per-  
17 sonnel, local educational agency homeless liaisons,  
18 designated pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of  
19 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and  
20 the community involvement coordinator, if one is  
21 present in the local educational agency or school, to  
22 facilitate the smooth operation of communication  
23 across offices and partnering entities.

24 “(9) A strategy for developing a community in-  
25 volvement council to lead, monitor, and oversee the

1 implementation of the community involvement policy  
2 in partnership with the local educational agency.  
3 Such a council may include parents and caretakers,  
4 students, principals, teachers, personnel, local edu-  
5 cational agency homeless liaisons, designated pursu-  
6 ant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-  
7 Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Parental Informa-  
8 tion and Resource Centers, representatives of the  
9 mayor or appropriate chief executive officers of gen-  
10 eral purpose local government, local departments of  
11 health and human services, local departments of  
12 youth services, local agencies administering juvenile  
13 justice programs and facilities, local agencies and or-  
14 ganizations administering national and community  
15 service and service-learning programs, local law en-  
16 forcement agencies, local nonprofit youth develop-  
17 ment, other community based organizations, other  
18 public agencies, businesses, and other entities as ap-  
19 propriate.

20 “(d) COORDINATION WITH PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
21 STRATEGIES.—The community involvement policy devel-  
22 oped under subsection (b) shall be developed and imple-  
23 mented in coordination with the parent involvement strat-  
24 egies developed under section 1118.

25 “(e) REPORTING.—

1           “(1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY REPORT-  
2           ING.—On an annual basis, each Local Educational  
3           Agency that receives funds under this section shall  
4           report to the State educational agency, the Sec-  
5           retary, and the public on—

6                   “(A) the amount and sources of matching  
7                   funds raised in accordance with subsection  
8                   (a)(3);

9                   “(B) the number, type, and roles played by  
10                  partners involved in the development and imple-  
11                  mentation of the Community Involvement Pol-  
12                  icy developed under subsection (c);

13                  “(C) the services coordinated or provided  
14                  through the implementation of the Community  
15                  Involvement Policy developed under subsection  
16                  (c); and

17                  “(D) any information available on out-  
18                  comes resulting from the activities carried out  
19                  through the Community Involvement Policy de-  
20                  veloped under subsection (c).

21           “(2) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY REVIEW  
22           AND SUPPORT.—Each State shall—

23                   “(A) monitor and compile a report annu-  
24                   ally on each district’s implementation of com-  
25                   munity involvement policies and recommenda-



1           tions for improvement and submit this report to  
2           the Secretary and the public;

3           “(B) provide information and technical as-  
4           sistance to help local educational agencies com-  
5           ply with the community involvement provisions  
6           within the law;

7           “(C) the State education agency must pro-  
8           vide a copy of this annual report to its respec-  
9           tive Statewide PIRC where it shall—

10           “(i) identify how the local education  
11           agency can comply where they have been  
12           found to not be compliant in the annual re-  
13           port; and

14           “(ii) the Statewide PIRC shall report  
15           their recommendations for compliance to  
16           the State education agency as well as the  
17           school administration using existing com-  
18           munication methods; and

19           “(D) use all resources made available to  
20           the state under section 1117(a).

21           “(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On an annual  
22           basis, the Secretary shall report to Congress and the  
23           public a summary of the reports provided by the  
24           local educational agencies in accordance with para-  
25           graph (1).

1       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary  
3 to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2008  
4 through 2013.”.

5       (i) COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1120B  
6 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 6322) is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following:

8       “(d) BARRIERS TO COORDINATION.—Each local edu-  
9 cational agency receiving assistance under this part shall  
10 report to the Secretary at such time and in such manner  
11 as the Secretary may determine any barriers to coordina-  
12 tion, and the Secretary shall report such barriers to co-  
13 ordination to the Federal Youth Development Council es-  
14 tablished under the Tom Osborne Federal Youth Coordi-  
15 nation Act (Public Law 109–365; 120 Stat. 2594).”.

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