With support from the city of Houston and with funding from the Houston Endowment, HISD has developed Every Community, Every School, a comprehensive initiative to connect schools to non-academic supports needed to improve the well-being and academic achievement of all students. Often called wraparound services, these non-academic supports address critical issues such as mental health and physical health needs, food insecurity, lack of stable housing, violence, incarceration of a parent, and many other challenges that can have adverse effects on a student’s readiness and ability to learn. When wraparound services are provided in tandem with strong academics and high-quality teaching, schools can truly meet the needs of the whole child and graduate students who are college and career ready.

**THE PLAN**

The plan for Every Community, Every School is based on the findings of interviews with Houston civic and community leaders; the study of other large cities and school districts with wraparound service programs; input from district, school, and teacher leaders at HISD; analysis of HISD, TEA, and Census data; and the review of existing local efforts.

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Wraparound services cannot replace strong academics; the two must work together to address the whole child’s needs.
CAMPUS RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Schools in cohort one will be provided with funding to employ a campus wraparound resource specialist, who will be dedicated full time to the following:

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THEIR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

- Establish a strong working relationship with school leadership
- Develop and nurture relationships with students, families, and community members and organizations

ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS THROUGHOUT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDER SELECTION

- Support school leadership in making data-driven program decisions
- Gather input from community leaders during the decision-making process

EFFECTIVELY CONNECTING STUDENTS TO NEEDED SERVICES

- Work with a district Wraparound Services Director to perform campus and community needs assessment, find service providers, and troubleshoot challenges
- Engage families and school staff to better understand student needs
- Develop and manage partnerships with local service providers
- Participate in and learn from resource coordinator community

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