



Greece Rotary Update

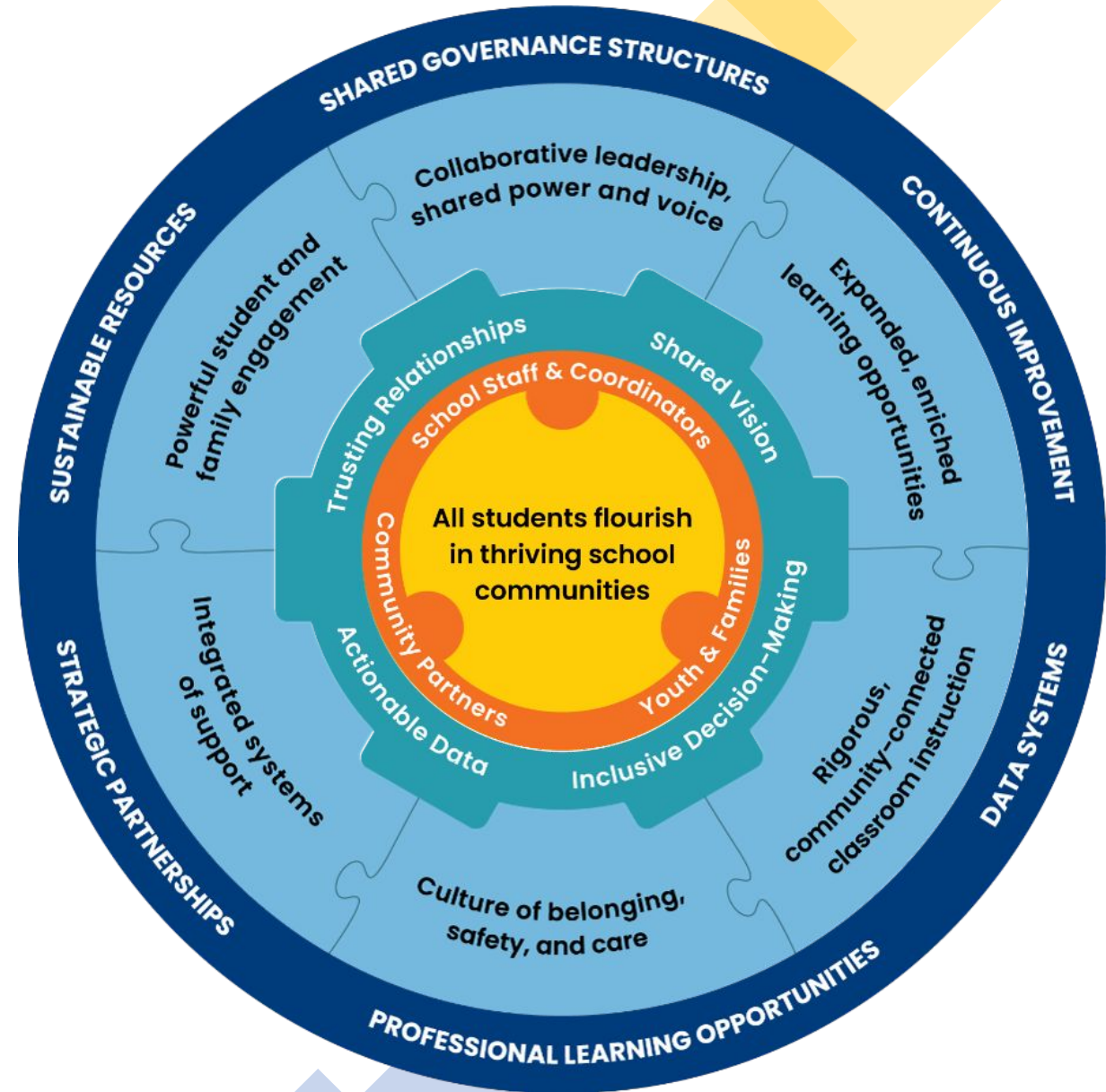
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Greece Central School District Community Schools Update

- 13 Community Schools
- The Center for Youth Services is the Lead Agency for the district
- Aligned with Community Schools Forward
- Member of NYS Community Schools Thruway Coalition
- NYS Community Schools Network
- Monroe County Community Schools Coalition
- Co-created Monroe-Orleans BOCES 2 Community Schools CoSer



Funding of Community Schools

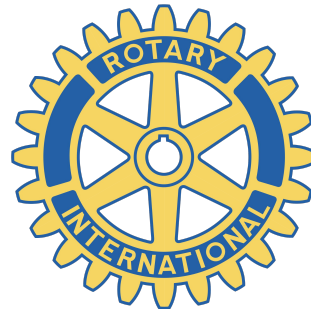
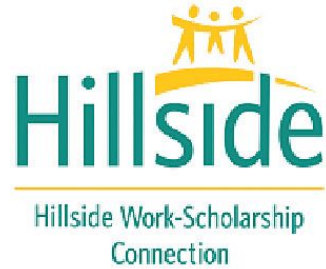
- US Department of Education Funding
 - From 25 million dollars in 2020 to 150 million in 2023, unsure future...
- Community Schools in NYS
 - 900+ schools
- New York State
 - 250 million dollars in community schools set aside
 - 1.2 million dollars to (3) CS Technical Assistance Centers
- Other states:
 - California - 4.1 Billion
 - Maryland - 369 million
 - Florida - 20 million





Lead Innovators

The Center
for Youth



Integrated Systems of Support



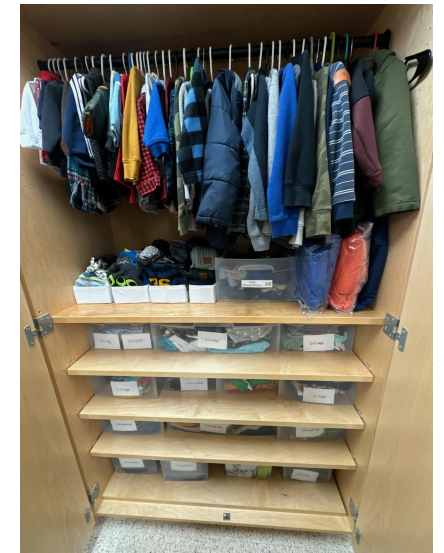
District-wide Food Pantry (Arcadia Middle School)

- Additional “mini” pantries at Olympia, Athena, Longridge, Buckman Heights, and the Early Learning Center
- Almost **1,000 visits** to ARMS pantry this school year (consistent with 23/24 numbers)
- Partnerships with Greece Ecumenical, The Center 4 Hope, and Mission Share
- Please have families call 966-2288 if they need to schedule an appointment! [Food Pantry Flier](#)



District-wide Clothing Closets

- Early Learning Center & Arcadia Middle
- Collaborate with Goodwill Good Neighbor Program



Toys for Tots

- 700 students received gifts



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Need: Students & families in GCSD need support and services beyond what is typically provided by a school district.

Solution:
Cross-sector partners work collaboratively to meet these needs.

Rotary
Club of Greece



TogetherNow

Community guides us. Connection drives us.

TogetherNow is focused on creating **strategic partnerships** and **communication** between organizations across the county. The goal is to create a **person-centered approach** to support the community using MyWayFinder.

**GCSD is proud to be one of eight TogetherNow
Neighborhood Navigation Centers in Monroe County**



- **Over 250 families** have been referred to our NNC since August 2022
- Families also come to the NNC to:
 - Work on resumes
 - Apply for jobs and apartments
 - Receive guidance on applying for benefits
 - Better navigate services in the district
 - Donate/receive gently used clothing and household items
 - Create MyWayFinder accounts to connect to resources and services

NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATION Center

Emergency Funding Opportunities



Connections to Services





Our vision is to assist families in reaching their goals by providing access to services, support, and financial assistance to improve and maintain their overall well-being.

Focus Areas:

- Stable housing
- Remove barriers to employment (lack of transportation, childcare, fingerprinting, medical exam, etc.)
- Person-centered services and support (Neighborhood Navigation Center)

Current Needs

- **Eviction Prevention:**
 - To qualify, families prove they can afford rent
 - Most families with rental arrears are affected by extenuating circumstances
- **Stable Housing:**
 - Security deposits often are a barrier to housing
- **Remove Barriers:**
 - Childcare expenses before receiving a first paycheck
 - Equipment needed for work
 - Vehicle repairs to maintain employment



May 2024 - Current Data

- 15 families accepted into the program
- \$24,582 spent
 - 4 families used funds for eviction prevention and/or mortgage assistance
 - 10 families used funds for a security deposit
 - 1 family used funds for childcare needs related to employment
 - 1 family used funds for a new refrigerator

Please note, some families were able to use funds for more than one purpose (i.e. partial security deposit and car payment)



Evaluation Results

- Out of 32 participants that have been evaluated since the start of the program, 94% report having stable housing
- All surveyed recipients said they believe CCI funds helped stabilize their family
- Since our last presentation, 12 participants have completed two or more check ins in MyWayFinder and all 12 have reported improvements in two or more domains
- All surveyed CCI recipients say they would not change anything about how the program assisted their family
- New employee dedicated to CCI program and its success
- Future plans
- Enough funding left for 4-5 recipients





The Story of One Family

- Amy recently left a negative relationship and became a single mom of three boys. In an effort to keep stability for her kids, she started working extra jobs to be able to keep up with the expenses of the home they rent.
- Amy was behind on child care costs and rent, and at risk of losing both.
- The Neighborhood Navigation Center was able to identify the financial need and help Amy apply for the Child Care Subsidy to help with child care costs moving forward.



The Story of One Family (cont.)

- With assistance for child care approved and her upcoming increase in income, Amy was accepted into the CCI program. She received support that helped her get back on track with her rental and child care arrears, allowing her to maintain steady employment.
- Now, Amy is doing well. She's caught up on her bills, maintaining stable employment, and feeling more secure in her day-to-day life. She shares that she's incredibly grateful to have come across the Neighborhood Navigation Center and deeply appreciates all the support she received while going through a difficult time. The help she found there made a real difference during one of the toughest periods of her life.

What our families had to say:

“You guys have been **amazing** and very **understanding**. **Never judgmental**. ”

“It was **helpful resources** and **everyone** was **very kind** ”

“**Neighborhood Navigation** is doing a great job . ”

“You guys are awesome! **I'm very grateful.**”

“**You guys are doing a good job!**”

“I think you guys were great! The process wasn't difficult. **The program is one of the most amazing things I've ever heard about.** ”


“I had nowhere else to turn and **you guys restored my faith that God hears my prayers**. You were so **non-judgmental** and there weren't a million hoops to jump through when I didn't have the capability to jump. I have no idea where I would have been without this. **Kayleigh is an exceptional employee and integral part of this program.** I cannot say enough about her. ”



2022 - 2023 Budget = \$31,000

2023 - 2024 Budget = \$30,000





Thank you to the Greece
Rotary, Open Door Mission,
and ESL for being an integral
part in bringing this initiative
to life!



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CORETTA SCOTT KING