

ENGAGING ALL LEADERS

Educating all students is a responsibility shared by school systems, families, communities, businesses, and governments. When community stakeholders work in purposeful partnership, all of the conditions for improved student learning can be met. Research shows that creating these conditions will improve student achievement, and integrating community and school assets and services can lead to stronger families and safer, more vibrant communities where students can thrive. Leaders from across a community can contribute by learning about each other's institutional cultures; sharing people, resources, and services that can support student success; and by

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staying the course to sustain programs and relationships. In addition, each type of leader can contribute—and benefit—in ways that enhance the common good and in the interests of their own institutions.

For more information, see "Making the Difference: Research and Practice in Community Schools," a report from the Institute for Educational Leadership's Coalition for Community Schools. www.communityschools.org.

