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United Way of Greater Cleveland and Cleveland Metropolitan School District Announce Agencies to Help Students Succeed

- Lead agencies to develop wraparound strategies in 17 schools -

CLEVELAND (December 5, 2013) Today United Way of Greater Cleveland and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District announced 13 community nonprofits have made commitments to help students reach academic success by implementing wraparound strategies. The nonprofit partners, called lead agencies, are incorporating social service support in 17 local schools.

Adding social service support to schools has proven successful in other communities. This is the first time this innovative strategy will be implemented on a large scale in Cleveland. The schools and their lead agency partners are:

Alfred A. Benesch	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
Anton Grdina	Burton, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.
Case	Rainey Institute
Collinwood High School	OhioGuidestone
East Tech High School	Friendly Inn Settlement Corporation
Franklin D. Roosevelt	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
H. Barbara Booker	West Side Community House
Harvey Rice	The Centers for Families and Children
John Adams High School	College Now Greater Cleveland
Kenneth Clement Boys' Leadership Academy	Case Western Reserve University
Lincoln West High School	Esperanza, Inc.
Luis Munoz Marin	Esperanza, Inc.
Marion Sterling	No lead agency named. Wraparound services supported through School Improvement Grant dollars.
Mound	University Settlement
Robert Jamison	Cleveland Play House
Robinson G. Jones	Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation
Walton	Esperanza, Inc.

“Delivering a quality education in every neighborhood requires the contribution, commitment and support of the entire community,” said Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon. “Our partnership with United Way and the support of lead agencies in these neighborhoods will play a critical role in our efforts to turn our schools into the vibrant 21st century learning centers they must be.”

The services provided in each school will be tailored specifically to the school’s students, families and the surrounding community. Community resources offered may include, but are not limited to academic

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support and enrichment; parent leadership and family engagement; medical, dental and mental health services and more.

“It takes support from all of us to help our kids succeed,” said United Way President and CEO Bill Kitson. “The wraparound strategy enables teachers and principals to focus intently on teaching students. Integrating nonprofit services within these schools will help reduce students’ learning barriers and assist them in reaching their academic goals.”

The lead agencies are currently in the process of hiring a site coordinator to serve as a liaison between the lead agency and the school. The site coordinators will work solely in the wraparound schools and are responsible for identifying appropriate social services to ensure the schools, their students and the surrounding community receive needed support.

United Way and CMSD are hosting community meetings at each wraparound school throughout December and January. The meetings are to inform community members about the wraparound strategy and encourage them to get involved.

For more information about the wraparound schools, lead agencies, site coordinator position and the community meetings, visit www.LiveUnitedForKids.org.

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