

# **SUN Short Term Depth Area Thinking**

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## **Differentiated Funding Levels for SUN Community Schools**

### **The Need**

- Establish differentiated core funding levels for SUN Community Schools based on size and complexity of the site. Schools with larger enrollment and high schools require a higher level of core funding in order to have adequate staffing capacity to respond to safety, administrative, partnership and grant expectations. K-8 schools, regardless of size, require additional funding.
- Provide an increase for all SUN Community Schools sites to reflect a cost of living increase for FY16.
- Establish that all funding sources provide an annual cost of living increase for SUN Community Schools.

### **Anticipated Approach for FY16**

Engage in a short process including representatives of sponsor organizations who contribute to core funding along with some additional analysts to develop a system or formula that is equitable across the County. The product could be one of the following:

1. A tiered system with funding levels tied either to size or other need as established through a point system based on a combination of factors.
2. A formula with a base allocation plus an amount based on the numbers of children living in poverty and children of color.

### **Estimated Cost**

- \$800,000-\$1,100,000 to implement a differentiated funding structure in all 81 SUN sites
- Would be funded by all current funders of SUN core operating costs

## **Attendance Supports**

### **The Need**

Schools that are identified to fully implement the Communities Supporting Youth attendance model require additional resources for:

- Outreach and case management for families that need the most intensive support and
- Engagement of families and the community around attendance.

### **Anticipated Approach for FY16**

The Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative is beginning a process in January to identify the schools and the attendance model to implement in those sites. Although the Collaborative has not arrived at one uniform model yet, there are two elements that have emerged as critical. They are:

- Additional SUN Community School Coordination and engagement capacity
- Attendance Case Worker (family outreach and social work support): FTE per school to be based on the # of families needing this level of support. 60-75 families per year per worker.

### **Estimated Cost**

- SUN Capacity = \$2,500 per site
- Attendance Case Worker = To Be Determined, depends on which model or models are chosen.

## **Culturally Specific Youth Case Management/Advocacy**

### **The Need**

Increased youth case management/advocacy, with a priority for culturally specific services, through non-profit organizations.

### **Anticipated Approach for FY16**

Expand culturally specific support for youth located at school sites. A proposal would be crafted jointly by all interested in pursuing this approach that would define the number and location of positions, FTE per school, schools to be served, and alignment with existing youth advocacy/case management services.

### **Estimated Cost**

- \$65,000 per advocate/case manager