



COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE INITIATIVE

QUESCREN Forum: Minority Community Vitality
Through Education



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Vision

To be the most innovative and collaborative educational organization for the English-speaking community of Quebec.



Mission

To serve the educational lifelong learning needs of the English-speaking community in Quebec and contribute to student success & community vitality.



Values

Expertise

Knowledge
Building

Collaboration

Innovation



Provincial Resource Team (PRT)

- Supports and develops tools/resources for the CLC Network
- Provides in-person and virtual training for CLC school leadership teams
- Promotes collaborative approaches to student success and community vitality
- Fosters community collaborations and inter-sectoral partnerships



Pedagogical Services Team:

- Works collaboratively with educators across the province
- Develops educational resources for the K – 11 community
- Offers workshops, participates in education research, and provides support guidance for professional learning



Virtual Campus Team:

- Delivers FREE online classes for high school students
- Offers FREE homework help and tutoring sessions, by qualified Quebec teachers,
- Trains teachers in innovative online & blended classroom pedagogy



“A community school is not just another program being imposed on a school. It embodies a way of thinking and acting that recognizes the historic central role of schools in our communities — and the power of working together for a common good. Educating our children, yes, but also strengthening our families and communities so that, in turn, they can help make our schools even stronger and our children even more successful.”

*Ira Harkavy and Martin J. Blank - “A Vision of Learning That Goes Beyond Testing”
Education Week, April 17, 2002*

CLC Initiative - Historical



- ✓ **2005** → Quebec Ministry of Education Action Plan supports development of community schools
- ✓ **2006** → 14 schools / 1 adult centre
- ✓ **2006-2016** → Provincial Resource Team (PRT) manages the CLCs
- ✓ **2014** → CLCs and PRT became part of LEARN and scaling up across the initiative
- ✓ **2016** → CLC management transferred to school boards and PRT remained at LEARN, still mandated to support the CLC network
- ✓ **2018** → 86 CLC schools / centres



Community Schools



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Student learning

Community school students show significant and widely evident gains in academic achievement and in essential areas of nonacademic development.

Family Engagement

Families of community school students show increased stability, communication with teachers and school involvement. Parents demonstrate a greater sense of responsibility for their children's learning success.

School effectiveness

Community schools enjoy stronger parent-teacher relationships, increased teacher satisfaction, a more positive school environment and greater community support.

Community vitality

Community schools promote better use of school buildings, and their neighborhoods enjoy increased security, heightened community pride, and better rapport among students and residents.

The Community Learning Centre Initiative

Quebec's Community School Network



CLC schools have a dual mandate

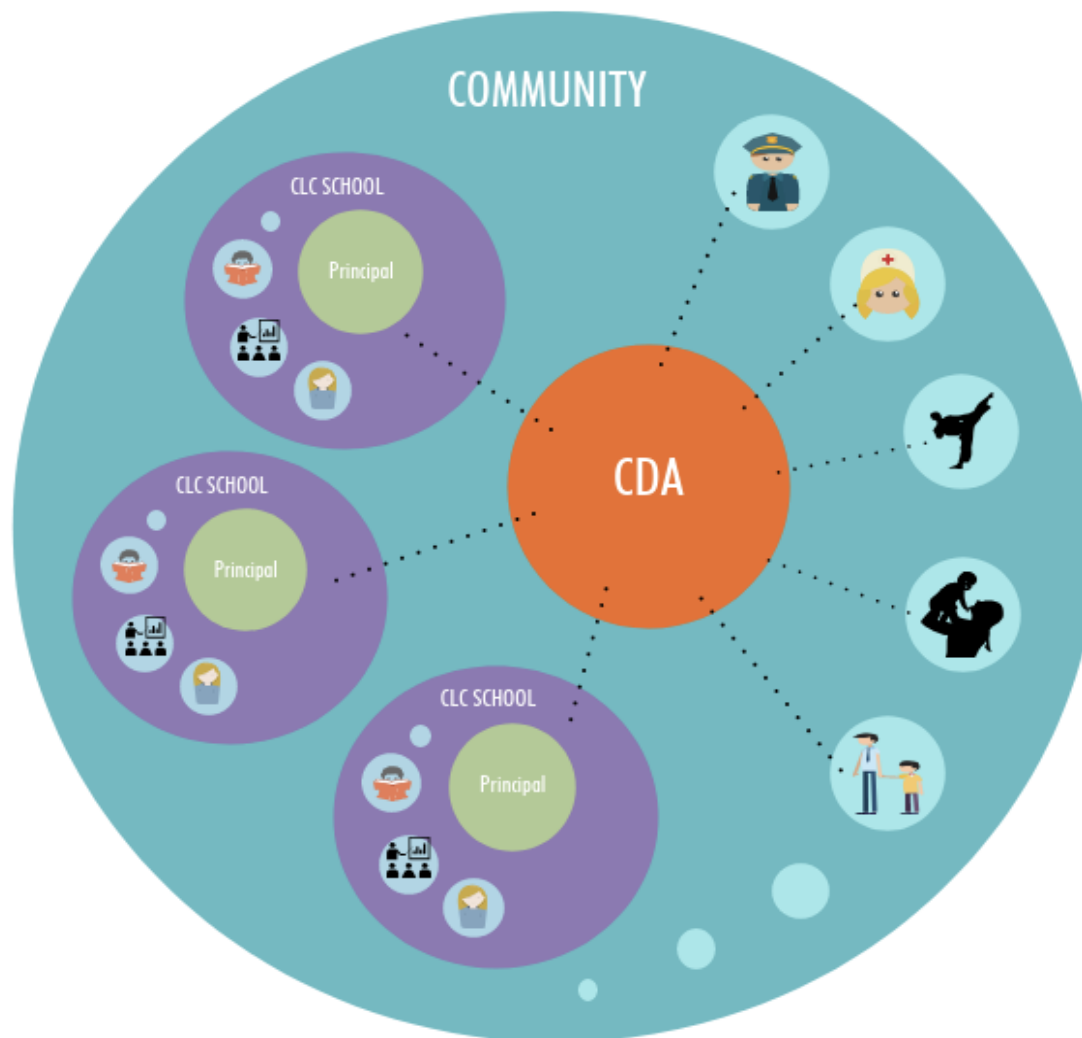


COMMUNITY VITALITY



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What is a CLC School?



Systemic Approach to Change



- ✓ Health and wellbeing
- ✓ Early childhood education
- ✓ Parent and family engagement
- ✓ Education for Reconciliation

A focus on partnerships

Strategies implemented by NPIs and CLCs promoted an increase in partnerships between schools, families, local service providers and community organizations which brought additional resources into the school and increased the commitment that institutions and community organizations made to youths' health, well-being and educational success.



School - Community Partnerships



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Community Development Agents (CDA)

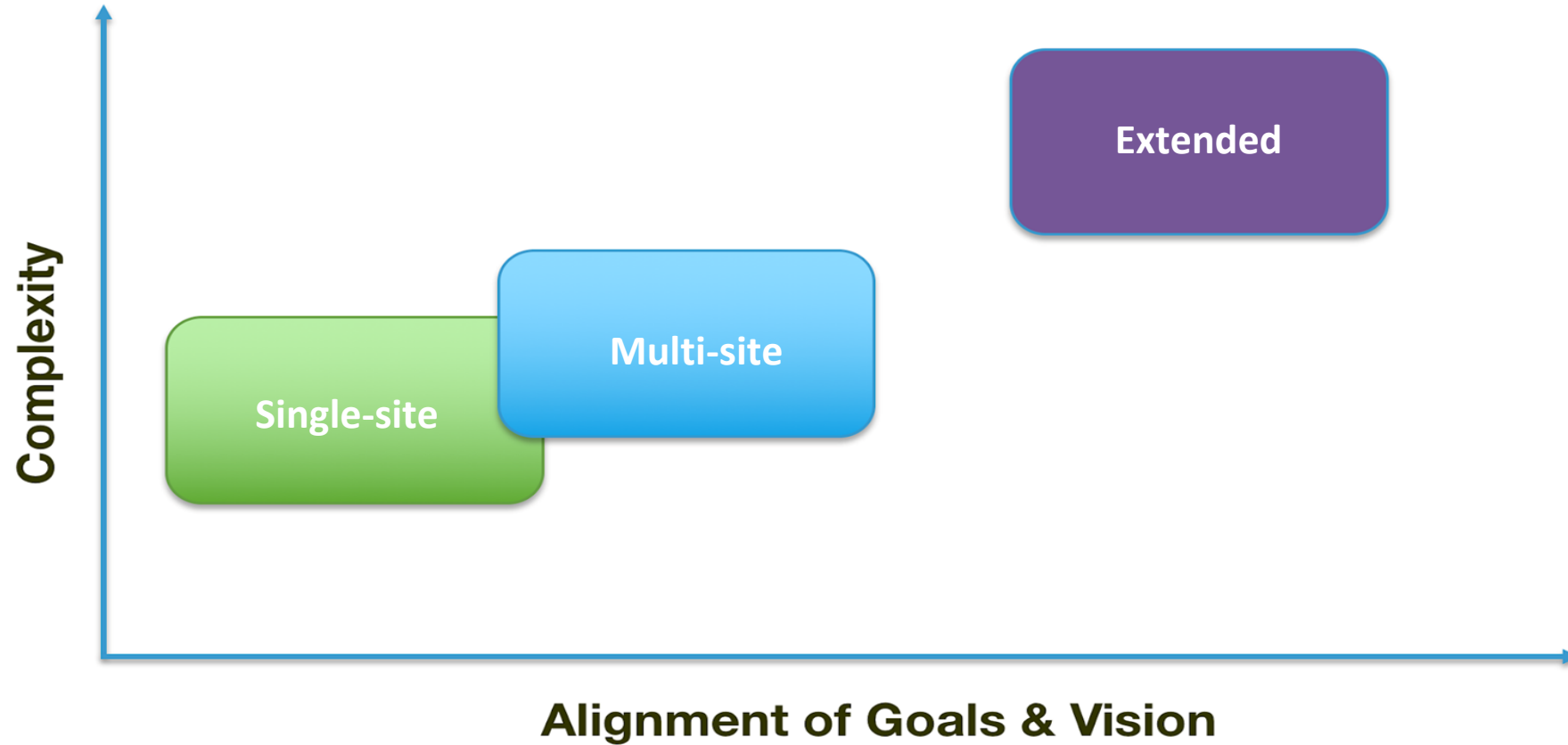


Community Development Agents (CDAs) build partnerships that are:

- ✓ Strategic
- ✓ Aligned with school goals
- ✓ Data-driven



CLC Models



Benefits of the CLC Approach for Students



- ➔ Higher levels of engagement
- ➔ Increased sense of belonging
- ➔ Student voice is amplified
- ➔ School attendance is more regular
- ➔ School environment / climate has improved

“The quality of the school climate, which should be safe, welcoming, inclusive and open to diversity, fosters the desire to learn and succeed.”

MEES Policy on Educational Success,
2017

Source: TTFM Comparative Analysis (2014), Qu'Anglo Report (2014), CHSSN - Minority English Language Framework 2014



Improving Student Outcomes



- ✓ Teacher engagement in Community Service Learning (CSL)
- ✓ Academic success
- ✓ Issues around student health (physical) and wellbeing (socio-emotional) are being addressed
- ✓ Students' have greater sense of belonging to their school
- ✓ Greater civic engagement



Community Vitality Outcomes



- ✓ Increased representation on *les tables de concertation* resulting in more concerted efforts to support the English-speaking communities (ESCs)
- ✓ Increased visibility of ESC, school(s) and school boards
- ✓ More activities/resources available to families (e.g., early childhood education, literacy, health & well being)

“...education is a collective effort in which the general public must participate...parents and community stakeholders and partners must be mobilized in a spirit of cooperation and accountability.”

MEES Educational Policy
(2017)



Unexpected Results



- ✓ Partnerships between the French and English speaking communities
- ✓ Decreased isolation of the English speaking community in many regions
- ✓ Ongoing collaborations with various community and government agencies



The keys to CLC success :

- ✓ PRT support → training and tools/resources
- ✓ Align services based on needs of the community
- ✓ Reciprocal school-community partnerships
- ✓ Strong collaboration between the school principal and the CDA
- ✓ Support from the school board



Thank You – Merci !

For more information on the Provincial Resource Team and/or the CLC Network please visit our website:

www.learnquebec.ca/clc

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