



Community Learning Centres

Quebec's Community School Network

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“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
Education Week Magazine, April 17, 2002

Sixteen Years – A Quiet Success Story!

- **Hubs for education and community resources**
- **Community Development Agents (CDA)**
- **CLC programming complements what happens in the classroom**
- **Network of 90+ schools, in all 10 English school boards**



Federal
Government
through
Department of
Canadian Heritage



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9 English school boards,
1 Centre de services scolaire,
1 Private school

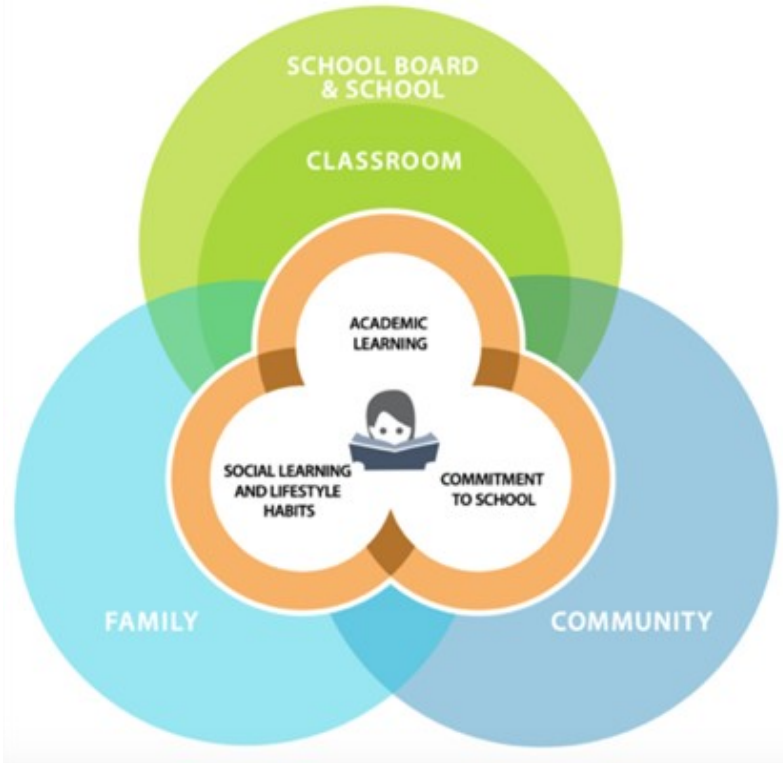


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LEARN's Provincial Resource
Team

A CLC is a Community School



Community Schools:
An ecosystem of learning opportunities from both in and outside of the school

Benefits of the Community School Approach

- Increased visibility in the community
- Increased school enrolment
- Authentic learning opportunities for students through Community Service Learning (CSL)
- Access to resources from community partners
- Students engaged in their communities

Role of CDA



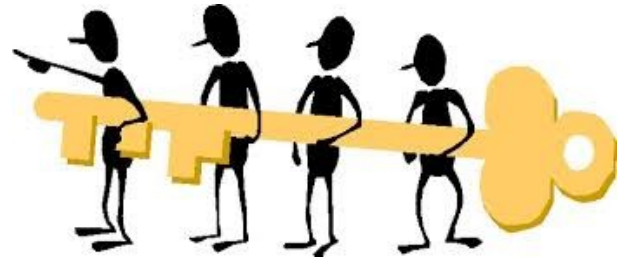
- Works with local service providers
- Works with school staff to integrate community-based resources
- Participates on local and regional development tables
- Secures grants to support CLC programming



CLC Principals



- Orient CDA to school goals / priorities
- Promote collaborative school culture
- Include CDA in staff meetings
- Make strategic connections between teachers and CDA
- Monitor progression of action plan
- Facilitate use of school building



What Principals say about community schools....



- Increased school growth & visibility in the community
- Learning is brought to life for the students
- More resources - financial and other
- Community involvement - Being a CLC school allows you to broaden your role in the community, which is hugely rewarding
- More resources - community partners invest resources into the school
- It takes on a life of its own - there are now many CLC projects that are led independently from the CDA

Provincial Resource Team (PRT)

- Professional development
- Coaching
- Networking events
- Project and funding opportunities
- Research and evaluation

Strategic Partnerships



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english language
arts network



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d'expression anglaise



**La Tablee
des Chefs**



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FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Promoting mental health to
strengthen school communities



Literacy:
Learning for Life.

L'alphabétisation,
Une leçon pour la vie.



CHSSN

Community Health
And Social Services Network
Réseau communautaire de santé
et de services sociaux



QUEBEC ANGLOPHONE
HERITAGE NETWORK
QAHN



Agir contre la maladie mentale
Action on mental illness



Strategic Education Partnerships



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Eastern Shores
SCHOOL BOARD



Commission scolaire
English-Montréal

English Montreal
School Board



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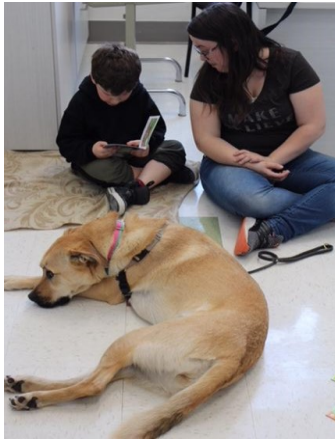
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Mental Health and Wellness



- Positive school climate
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Youth Voice



Valcartier Elementary - Zootherapy



Franklin Elementary Sensory Room



Beurling Academy Zen Den

Education for Reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous Communities



Project of Heart - commemorating the lives lost and survivors of the residential schools system in Canada



Orange Shirt Day has become a symbol of Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada (Sept 30).



Blanket Exercise - an interactive educational program that teaches the history of colonization in Canada

Kitchen Brigades



Seaway CLC - Kitchen Brigades



Richmond Regional CLC - 2022 Canadian Champions

Photo courtesy of the Sherbrooke Record - June 8, 2022

Arts, Culture and Heritage



Comic-Zine



Take Action Project: Mask Recycling



Exploring Belonging Through Puppets

Engaging Young Families



Mother Goose Program



Goodnight Bag

Connecting Classrooms and the Environment



*In every walk with
nature, one
receives far more
than he seeks*
-John Muir



Releasing Baby Salmon



School Community Garden



School Community Garden

Intergenerational Learning Opportunities



Chateaugay Valley CLC
Small Engine Repair



Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary
Irish Reading Buddies



Princess Elizabeth CLC
Building Bat Houses



Community Service Learning

- The local community becomes a classroom learning resource
- Helps students acquire subject-specific and cross-curricular competencies while meeting an authentic community need
- School-community partnerships help educators leverage resources and integrate real-world learning opportunities

Benefits of Community Service Learning



- Students demonstrate more enthusiasm on school days involving a CSL project
- Community partners provide specialized knowledge/expertise/ resources
- CSL projects can be embedded into most subjects at every grade level
- Accommodates diverse learning styles

Sleep, Creep, Leap - Scaling Up by Extension

- Schools have shared vision and aligned priorities.
- CDAs have increased leverage with partners
- Resources mobilized more effectively and equitably

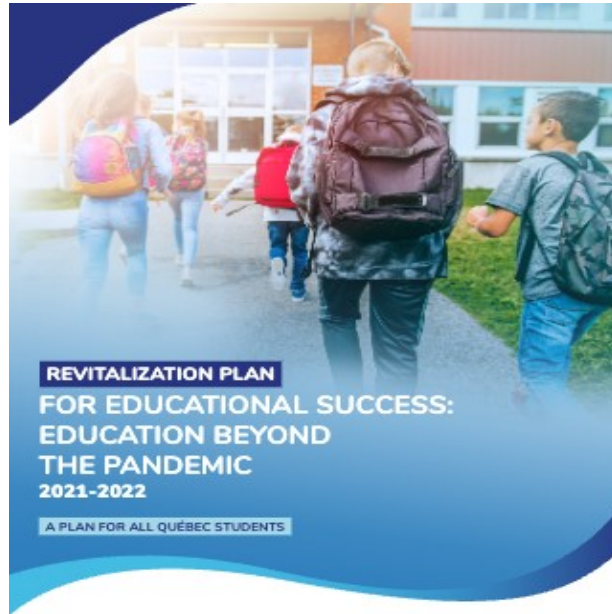


Key Benefits to Working with Multiple Schools




- Increased access to partners & service providers
- Increased access to programs
- Increased visibility and presence in the larger community
- Increased ability to work at a systems level
- Increased access to grants and financial resources
- Increased retention and transition support

Revitalizing Schools Post-Pandemic



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