



# Educational Equity & Enrichment Hubs

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# The Need

- Despite MCPS' tremendous effort to implement a robust virtual learning environment, the persistent racial and educational disparities Montgomery County's Black, Latino and low-income children were subjected to prior to the pandemic, have further been exposed and exacerbated during the pandemic
- Highly impacted students are not able to engage with virtual learning because of barriers beyond their control and need additional support
- These students live in the communities hardest hit by COVID and have experienced heightened trauma and need access to safe, supervised consistent learning environments

# The Solution

- ❑ Develop Educational Equity & Enrichment Hubs (EEEH) providing an affordable option for highly impacted K-5 students and families which includes on-site support during the school day operated by private before- and after-care providers
  - Privately funded pilots for rapid response & proof-of-concept
  - Publicly funded rollout to scale capacity to meet demand
  
- ❑ Coordination and Collaboration with community advocacy organizations & MCPS Student Well-Being Teams to Identify and engage students & families most in need of support

# Educational Equity & Enrichment Hub (EEE) Hub Outreach

- *EEE Hub information is available in English & Spanish on the website [EquityHubs.org](http://EquityHubs.org)*

**APPLY NOW FOR THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY & ENRICHMENT HUB**

## CHILD CARE & DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT

**WHO**

- FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS (FARMS)
- FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION OPTIONS AND/OR IN NEED OF INTERNET ACCESS
- FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO THE SCHOOL AND WILL COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY DAY

**WHAT**

- STAFF WILL SUPERVISE AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING
- ENGAGING ACTIVITIES WHEN CHILDREN ARE NOT IN CLASS
- SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND GROW

**WHERE**

- LOCATED IN MCPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: SEE WEBSITE BELOW TO FIND A LOCATION
- HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- CLASS SIZE: 13 CHILDREN WITH 2 STAFF MEMBERS
- TUITION CONTRIBUTION: \$50/MONTH PER CHILD. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, GO TO [WWW.EQUITYHUBS.ORG](http://WWW.EQUITYHUBS.ORG)

**SOLICITE AHORA PARA EL LA EQUIDAD Y EL ENREQUISIMIENTO EDUCATIVE**

## CUIDAD DE NIÑOS Y APOYO AL APRENDIZAJE A DISTANCIA

**¿QUIÉN?**

- PARA ESTUDIANTES EN LOS GRADOS K-5 QUE SON ELEGIBLES PARA COMIDAS GRATIS Y REDUCIDAS (FARMS)
- PARA ESTUDIANTES SIN OPCIONES DE SUPERVISIÓN PARA ADULTOS Y / O QUE NECESITEN ACCESO A INTERNET
- PARA FAMILIAS QUE TIENEN TRANSPORTE A LA ESCUELA Y SE COMPROMETAN A ASISTIR TODOS LOS DÍAS

**¿QUÉ?**

- EL PERSONAL SUPERVISARÁ Y PROPORCIONARÁ APOYO A LA EDUCACIÓN A DISTANCIA
- ACTIVIDADES INVOLUCRANTES CUANDO LOS NIÑOS NO ESTÁN EN CLASE
- ENTORNO SEGURO PARA QUE LOS NIÑOS APRENDAN Y CREZCAN

**¿DÓNDE?**

- UBICADO EN ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS DE MCPS: VEA EL SITIO WEB A CONTINUACIÓN PARA ENCONTRAR UNA UBICACIÓN
- HORARIO: LUNES - VIERNES DE 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- TAMAÑO DE LA CLASE: 13 NIÑOS CON 2 MIEMBROS
- DEL PERSONAL CONTRIBUCIÓN DE MATRÍCULA: \$50 / MES POR NIÑO. Hay ayuda financiera disponible.

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN Y PARA APLICAR, VAYA A [WWW.EQUITYHUBS.ORG](http://WWW.EQUITYHUBS.ORG)

# EEE Hub Experience

## Testimonials

- *“4 of our students had not participated in virtual learning classes before attending the Stedwick Educational Equity Hub” – Staff*
- *“My two foster sons recently came into my care amidst the COVID pandemic. My older foster son had never been enrolled in school and certainly didn’t have the skills to participate in distance learning while I worked from home full time. The ability to be able to access the Equity Hub at an extremely affordable cost was a lifesaver. The cost also increases the likelihood that he will be able to continue to use this service and have continuity when he transitions back home. This service is an invaluable one to the community.” --Foster Parent*
- *“I need to work, so both my children were staying with my disabled elderly parents and I was concerned about their safety and well being. Attending the Equity Hub allows my son to attend classes and receive the support he needs to learn” – Parent*



# EEE Hub Experience

## Testimonials

- *“I work and don't have internet at home, so <Name> didn't do online school before she started at Bar-T. She is now able to go to the distance learning hub at Stedwick and attend classes”--Parent*
- *“I work every day and don't understand what she needs to do on the computer. Going to Stedwick is the way she is able to go to class online with her teachers” -- Parent*
- *“Our student's parent is a single mom who works long hours outside her home, and she is unable to supervise and support her Kindergarten daughter during distance learning. The parent has 5 or 6 kids and <child> stays under one of her older's sibling's supervision, who is unable to support <child> because he has to be attending MCPS distance learning at the same time. This situation has made <child> miss school several times, which may prevent <child> from having successful distance learning” --PCC*
- *I just got off the phone with a grandmother who is raising her granddaughter... The child's father died three years ago and the only income they have is through Disability and Social Security. Grandma doesn't know how to use the computer, so I'm texting her all of the information since she struggles getting to her email. They're behind on rent and utilities, so I'm waiving the \$50/month for her. Talking to them makes it SO real and reminds me of how privileged I am. The best part of my day is calling to tell them they're accepted... I feel like Willy Wonka with the responses I get. It's so amazing. Thank you for all of the support! -Staff*



# EEE Hub Experience

## Testimonials

*"Good Morning,*

*Just forwarding an email I received from our child's teacher yesterday. I can't thank you enough for the welcoming atmosphere and acceptance you've shown our child! He presents many challenges, and we appreciate the extra care and effort you have put in to give him a "safe space" to flourish! A huge weight has been lifted knowing that not only is he participating in distance learning, but that you are able to manage his behaviors when they arise. You have a genuine gift and couldn't be happier that we found you when we did." - Parent*

*Note from Teacher:*

*"Good evening!*

*I have to give such praise to <child> since he has been at the new daycare. He has been fully participating in morning meeting and loves to share what he has drawn during show and tell time. We are still working on engagement during academics, but he is staying on and watching all of the lessons and every once and a while will engage. The staff at the daycare appear to be great with him and check on him often and are always offering him something to do during our 15 minutes breaks. This is a huge change from what we saw at his previous childcare program. I hope you have been getting good feedback from the new daycare, but we have seen a whole new side of such a great kid!" - Teacher*



# Educational Equity & Enrichment Hub (EEEH) Solution Strategy and Approach

## Phase 2

- While MCPS works on re-opening schools to serve SPED and other high priority groups of students, allocate public funds to expand EEE hubs/cohorts for highly impacted and vulnerable students who need on-site support to benefit from virtual learning
- Provide additional public funds through Children's Opportunity Fund (COF) to work with service partners to expand EEE Hubs to sites across the County to serve ~ 1,000 – 1,500 of MCPS' most impacted students and families.
- Community partners and MCPS' Principals, Teachers, Counselors, PCCs, PPWs, collaborate on identification and outreach to target student/families for EEE Hub enrollment

# Phase 2 Educational Equity & Enrichment Hub Top 30 Target Locations

[Link to Registration form](#)

1. Stedwick ES [**Open**,6 cohorts, 78 students max]
2. Daly ES [**Open**,4 cohorts, 52 students max]
3. Wheaton Woods ES [**Open**, 2 cohorts, 26 students max]
4. Brown Station ES [**Open**, 3 cohorts, 39 students max]
5. Clopper Mill ES [Open, 4 cohorts, 52 students max]
6. Rock Creek Forest – [Open, 3 cohorts,39 students max]
7. Burnt Mills ES [Open, 2 Cohorts, 26 students max]
8. Strathmore ES [Open, 2 Cohorts, 26 students max]
9. Rolling Terrace ES [Open, 2 Cohorts, 26 students max]
10. JoAnn Leleck/Broad Acres ES\*\*
11. Harmony Hills ES
12. Highland ES\*\*
13. Sargent Shriver ES
14. New Hampshire Estates/Oak View ES\*\*
15. Bells Mill ES
16. Arcola ES
17. Greencastle ES
18. Kemp Mill ES
19. South Lake ES\*\*
20. Gaithersburg ES\*\*
21. Summit Hall ES\*\*
22. Whetstone ES
23. Watkins Mill ES
24. Georgian Forest ES
25. Bel Pre ES
26. Cresthaven ES
27. Jackson Road ES
28. Roscoe Nix ES
29. Oak View ES
30. Twinbrook ES

**\*\* Where no childcare provider operates in a school, utilizing nearby school locations and support for transportation will be pursued**

# What's At Stake?

With the Loss of Learning and Educational Opportunities,  
We Are At Risk of Losing an Entire Generation in  
Montgomery County, Particularly the Most Vulnerable!

MCPS is more than a month into the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and every day that passes where our most impacted students are not able to access a safe, supervised, supportive environment to engage with virtual learning, increases the risk of long-term disengagement, scholastic futility, and dropping out!

# Educational Equity & Enrichment Hubs

Provide an affordable option for highly impacted MCPS K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students and families which includes on-site support during the school day operated by private licensed childcare providers

<https://www.equityhubs.org/>



## What Can You Do to Help?

- Students in Hubs are Required to have Headphones while in their virtual classrooms.
- Individual and Organization can donate to help provide students headphones
- Adopt a Hub (52 students, \$1,000), a Cohort (13 students, \$250) or an individual student (\$20).
- Make a tax-deductible donation to the Children's Opportunity Fund at <https://www.thecommunityfoundation.org/childrensoportunityfund> and comment that this donation is for the Equity Hubs