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"Bringing Hope to Our Community"



Student Engaged Education Program

Putting Education of Children First

The Oasis of Hope Center is actively working to create education and mentoring solutions to solve the divide our community is facing. Millions of children are living through the most disruptive school year of their lives because of the coronavirus pandemic. They are forced to learn at home online or wear masks in classrooms without the benefit of their usual social, sports and artistic outlets. Anxiety among students is exploding, as is depression and loneliness and trauma, according to health officials and students themselves. Two to three times a week, students are left at home unsupervised while the parents are at work trying to keep our country running.

We are committed to working together toward a shared vision of a community education, embracing excellent instruction, and engaged student enrichment. The idea of virtual learning is not new but has been intimidating for many parents. Many families

are additionally undergoing financial stress, employment flux, or just pressures as a result of the pandemic. The fact of the matter is every parent wants their child to do well in school, even in the face of mitigating circumstances. Whether they have kindergarteners or high school seniors, parents are sharing many of the same pains.

There is no easy way to overcome the issues that parents are facing with virtual learning. But just know that you are not alone.

The distance learning model exposed inconsistencies and the much needed improvements in areas of technology, social services, education inequities for students of color, the quality of teacher/student relationships, as well as teachers connecting with their student's parents. According to one Washington State study, 4 out of 5 (82%) African American and 3 out of 4 (76%) Latinx parents say they do not have the resources, supplies, or stable internet to help their child stay academically on track. The study also showed 84% of parents of low-income households say if they must stay at home with their child to help educationally, they will not be able to provide financially for their household, compared to 72% of those from higher income households.

We are currently in the pilot stage of our Student Engaged Education program or the S.E.E. program, where we have identified the number of students and their families to be served. We have developed a collaborative plan that outlines details that support close communication and accountability between the

S.E.E. Program Coordinator, school administrators/educators, and parent/guardian. Our mission is to provide a safe, respectful learning environment, fostering each student's ability to stay connected and on track during this new norm of distance learning. Our vision is to provide the tools and tailored plans that will empower students who struggle with the new learning model, the confidence to achieve academic success. With a hands-on approach to distance learning, we are working to address and remove many identified barriers that are known to prevent students from engaging and connecting, while providing a path to a student's learning development, mental development, and educational success. We provide leadership opportunities and support for our students' families, and provide resources that will develop, nurture, and sustain a healthy, vibrant community.

We understand that a successful student depends upon strong collaboration between school administration, teachers, parents, and community education partners such as the Student Engaged Education program. We are collaborating with families to identify their student's education needs and collaborating with school district partners and educators to meet those needs. We will provide seamless integration of resources, programs, and services for the student within the school day. We are working to ensure that whatever takes place before, during, and after regular school hours supports what happens in the classroom.

Some of our goals include:

- * Provide a learning environment with para educators / tutors for students while using the social distancing model
- * Provide computers with ***Ethernet connectivity*** for students who do not have access to or have slow Wi-Fi connections at home
- * Provide school supplies such as backpacks, pens, pencils paper, rulers, calculators, notebooks, etc.
- * Provide healthy breakfast, lunch and snacks to students involved in the S.E.E program
- * Provide quality physical education to help develop healthy students
- * Connect with principals, counselors, teachers, and parents to ensure cohesive learning, while staying actively involve with students' progress
- * Help students learn at their own pace while staying on track with their peers

We understand as we turn the corner on this pandemic, the children who are going back to the classroom have not been in a classroom setting for over a year. The mental learning habits that have been developed over this time needs restructuring and trough the S.E.E. program, the Oasis of Hope Center is here. But we cannot meet our goal without the help from people like you. Please donate today.

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