

## 2022-23 Twin Echo Elementary PTA (Illinois) Excellence Action Plan

<b>Long-Term Goal</b> intended outcome on how investments in family engagement will translate to continuous, positive change	Our goal will be to identify and integrate resources from the community to strengthen our school programs and family support. By developing partnerships within our community, we hope to assist our families with their health and safety needs. We believe that when the basic needs of the community are met, it allows for the community to grow to its highest potential. It is our hope that we can make a long lasting impact not just for individual families, but for the school community.
<b>Short-Term Goals</b> intended measurable outcomes produced as a result of the work	1 - Develop partnerships with local businesses and organizations 2 - Assess our students and families needs 3 - Integrate community resources to offer family support 4 - Integrate community resources to strengthen our school program
<b>Responsible Team</b>	Excellence Team, the faculty and staff of Twin Echo School, parent, volunteers
<b>Connection to at least one of the National Standards</b>	Standard 6 - Collaborate with the Community Connection to at least one of The <a href="#">Four 'I's</a> of Transformative Family Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individualized - to meet specific needs of students and families</li> <li>• Impactful - Helping address student / family basic needs relieves stress from families and allows them to grow to their highest potential</li> </ul>
<b>Barriers, Opportunities, Organizational Considerations</b> (e.g., Constituents, Allies, Opponents)	Some barriers will be finding the right organizations to assist with specific needs. At times, a situation may be larger than the team can address (i.e. homeless). However, by working together and developing community partnerships, sometimes the impossible becomes possible. As quoted by Lao Tzu, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.” Opportunities will be plentiful, our school qualifies as Community Eligibility with 100% of our students receiving free and reduced lunch. 66% of our students are considered low income and 11% are homeless.
<b>Tactics for Addressing Barriers, Opportunities, Organizational Considerations</b>	We have many of our faculty and staff that were born and raised in this area. Hopefully by working together we will be able to make contacts with businesses or organizations that can help us address specific needs within our school community. If the outreach becomes too broad or too overwhelming, then a smaller committee may have to prioritize specific needs for a certain timeframe.  In addition, our school is part of a much larger unit district. If needed, we can reach out to other schools or departments within our district for additional contacts and/or supports.

Specific Action to Accomplish Short-Term Goal	Responsible Team Members	Community Partnership	Organizational Considerations	Estimated cost (time, money)	Priority Level (1-2-3)	Due Date and Status (OT, B, C) OT (On Time) B (Behind) C (Complete)
Tote Me Home program (provide weekend food bags to families)	Excellence Volunteer	Collinsville Food Pantry, Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, community volunteers	Some students are embarrassed - how can we address that?	Free / time just to deliver bags to classrooms	1	C and ongoing
Mobile Markets	Excellence Volunteer	St. Louis Area Food Pantry	Some parents don't have transportation	Multiple volunteers needed on market day	1	OT and ongoing
Host Grief Groups and Supply Grief Kits to students that have lost a parent	Excellence Volunteer	Heartlinks Hospice and GoFundMe	Will the grief kits be funded? Will a Hospice representative be available to facilitate a grief group at the school?	Kits - approximately Students and Hospice volunteers schedules	2	OT and ongoing

Provide vision screenings and eye glasses to students that fail the screening	Excellence Volunteer	Eye Thrive	What if students are absent?	Coordinating schedules	1	OT - scheduled
Provide all students with a free book each month	Excellence Volunteer	Hartmann Rentals, Allen Roofing and Siding**	Will we be able to solicit enough donations to fund the entire project?	\$3,500	3	OT - funds received, books going out monthly
Provide shoes to students in need Collinsville Charities for Children	Excellence Volunteer		Which students are in need of new shoes?	Busing and shoes are donated	2	OT-but we do assist at any time if needed.
Provide coats to students in need	Excellence Volunteer	Collinsville Fire Department	Which students are in need of a new coat?	Coats are donated	2	OT - but we do assist at any time if needed.
Delta Dental screenings/ cleanings and cavity repair as needed	Excellence Volunteer	Delta Dental	Which students are in need?	Services are free	1	OT
Offer school physical and immunization clinics to all students	Excellence Volunteer	SIFH	Identifying students in need	Services accept the medical card and charge on a sliding scale for those without insurance	1	OT
Healthcare clinic	Excellence Volunteer	SIFH	Transportation can be a concern - this is offered locally in our district	Services accept the medical card and charge on a sliding scale for those without insurance	1	OT
Emergency inhalers will be housed in the nurse's office	Excellence Volunteer	SIFH		Donated	1	OT
Provide free breakfast and lunch to all student each school day	Excellence Volunteer	Sodexo	Community Eligibility		1	OT
Family Yoga	Excellence Volunteer	Night Twin Echo PTA and local Yoga Studio	Transportation and parent schedules may prohibit some from attending	Donated	3	OT
Gaga Pit built for recess time	Excellence Volunteer	Eagle Scout Project		\$500	3	C

**\*\*All Community Partners included in action plan: Hartmann Rentals, Allen Roofing and Siding, Redmon Insurance Agency, Collinsville Building and Loan, Edward Jones, Tiger Plumbing, Master Auto Repair, Visionary Wealth Advisors, Abstracts and Titles, Brinley Orthodontics, Silly Grandma's Sweet Creations, Jack Schmitt Ford, Barry Wilson Funeral Home**