

H.R. 3545, FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT OF 2009

Components of the Bill:

- ✓ **Provides funding for implementation and expansion of full service community schools model in primary and secondary public schools**
- ✓ **Funding provided through the U.S. Department of Education**
- ✓ **Use of Funds: expand not less than 3 qualified existing services and provide not less than 2 qualified additional services at 1 or more public schools (priority given to entities serving 2 or more community schools)**
- ✓ **Minimum Award: \$75,000**
- ✓ **Grant Period: 5 years**
- ✓ **Authorization of Appropriations - \$200,000,000 for FY 2010; necessary sums for FY 2011-2014**

Benefits to Peoria:

- ✓ **Garfield, Trewyn and Manual are designated “community schools” and the new Harrison and Glen Oak schools will receive community school designation**
- ✓ **Full implementation of the community schools model has not been completed due to lack of funding**
- ✓ **A Bradley University graduate student conducted a comparative study on the effectiveness of the community**

schools model, to date, and found that under the community school model as implemented at Garfield Primary:

- **Teachers spend more time teaching and focusing on education – with physical, mental health and other services provided on-site, teachers do not need to spend their time locating supportive services for students**
- **Delivery of supportive services to students and families is expedited**
- **Varied, interesting and engaging after school activities keep children at school - in a safe environment - where they have fun yet continue to learn**
- **Physical facilities are utilized more fully**
- **At Garfield Primary from 2005 (pre-model) to 2008 (post-model), test scores have gone up by as much as 15%, mobility has decreased by 15%±**

ACTION REQUESTED:

- **Co-sponsor H.R. 3545**
- **Support companion legislation such as H.R. 3343**