

Community Schools

An Evidence-Based Strategy for ESSA School Improvement



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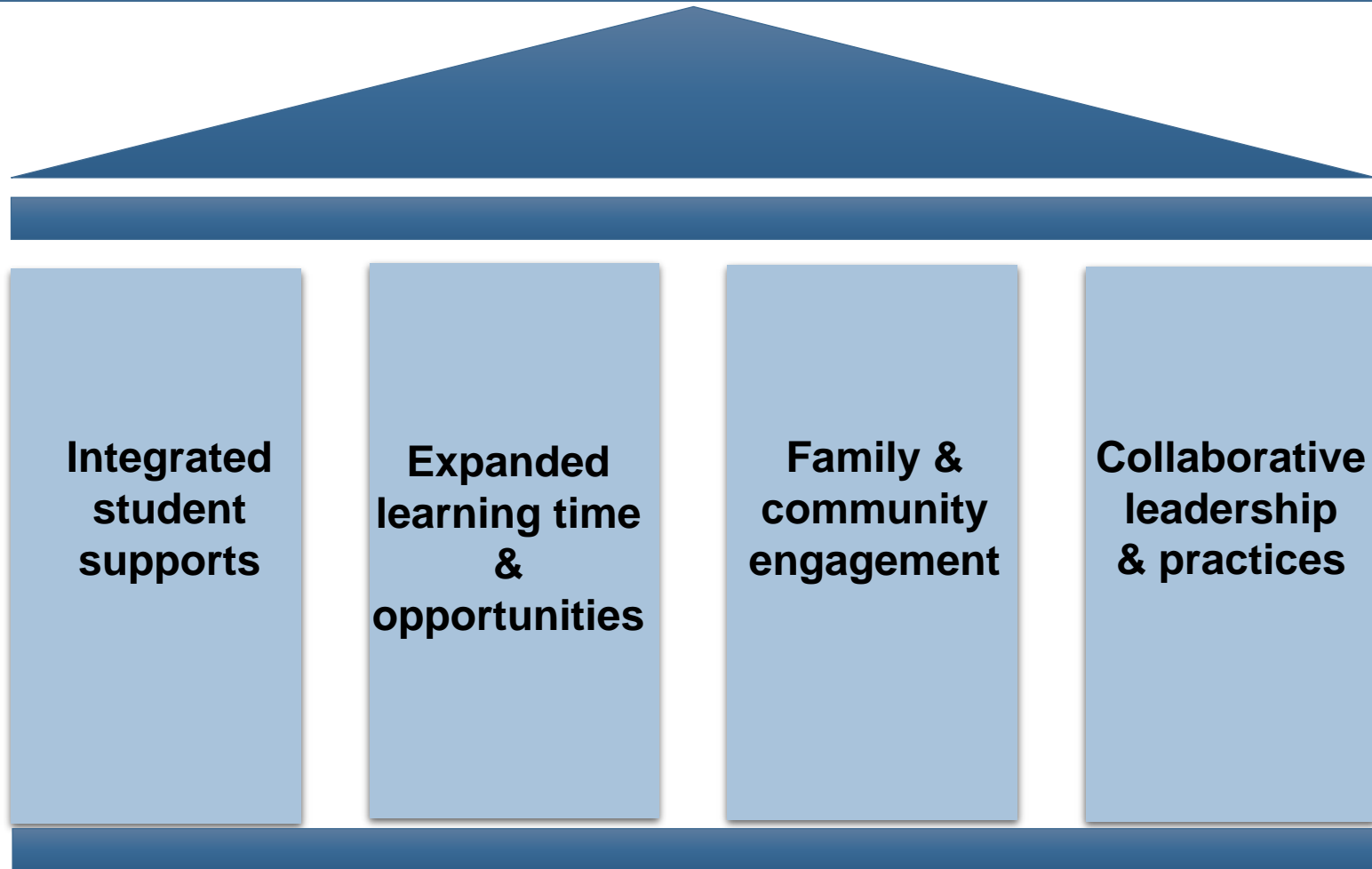
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“both a place and a set of
relationships between the
school and community
resources.”**

— Coalition for Community Schools

The Four Pillars of Community Schools





Our Research Review

Studies of

- Comprehensive programs



Studies of

- Each of the 4 pillars



Total reviewed

- 139 studies, including 47 research reviews

Overall Findings

- A wide range of models yield benefits, including...
 - Increased academic achievement
 - Increased attendance
 - Higher graduation rates
 - Improved peer/adult relationships and attitudes toward school
 - Reduced racial and economic achievement gaps
- Cost-Benefit savings of up to \$15 for every dollar invested
- Community schools meet the ESSA evidence standard

Research-Based Lessons



Take a comprehensive approach with all 4 pillars, and pay attention to implementation



Address local assets and needs through data-driven planning, and engaging family/community



Provide enough time for planning and collaboration

Opportunities with ESSA Implementation

- Use community schools as an evidence-based improvement strategy
- Funding
 - Title I School Improvement set-aside (7%)
 - Title I Direct Student Services set-aside
 - Title II PD Support
- Stakeholder engagement requirements

Federal Budget

- Title IV Funding:
 - Full Service Community School Grants
 - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
 - 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Medicaid

