

**South Woods Elementary **

**A COMM*UNITY* PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL**

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**What is a Community Partnership School?**

* It’s the hub of a community, focused on student success – in school and beyond. Bringing together partners and resources, we aim to:
* Increase academic achievement and student attendance
* Equip students and families with the resources to overcome barriers to their education
* Enhance students’ physical and emotional health and well-being
* Provide a safe, positive environment for students, families and the community
* Increase parental involvement and strengthen family relationships
* Influence economic growth, including job creation, development and stability
* Empower students and their families to succeed

**Why implement this model at South Woods Elementary?**

* Over 80% percent of students at SWES are in economically disadvantaged families – the community school offers a proven strategy to empower students and their families to break cycles of poverty
* Through the community school, students will develop skills and gain experiences to prepare for lifelong success.

**What makes this school unique?**

It caters to the community’s immediate and long-term needs, as determined by students and their families. Programming and local partnerships address the identified challenges and will evolve as the community evolves.

The Community Partnership School is led and governed by four core partners, all of which have made a long-term commitments to the school, students and families: **St. Johns County School District, Children’s Home Society of Florida, Flagler Hospital and St. Johns River State College**.

**Where are we now?**

We’re right in the community, collecting information from students, families and
teachers to determine priorities as we implement the community school strategy.

**Is South Woods Elementary transitioning to A Community Partnership School?**

Yes. This means as services and resources are added at the South Woods Elementary campus, the school site will transform from a traditional school to a Community Partnership School campus.

**What does this mean to the community?**

It’s an opportunity to unite for a shared vision and purpose. As the community and school work together, we can align resources and opportunities to address significant challenges and best prepare students for lifelong success.

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