



OUR MISSION

To surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



OUR VISION

All Tacoma students will graduate with the skills to succeed in school, work, community, and life.



Our Strategic Plan will create:

- A roadmap that aligns resources to our goals
- Innovative partnerships, programs, and community involvement
- College and career readiness to develop a skilled workforce
- Stable, sustained funding
- Supportive basic resources to students
- Safe places to live and learn
- Healthy living and lifestyle environments
- Collaboration with community partnerships
- Family engagement and community service opportunities
- Positive social and developmental relationships
- Community leaders to champion our cause

Our Goals

253 IMPACT ZONE

We will improve and enhance student achievement in South Tacoma by partnering with Tacoma Public Schools, community partners, parents, and caregivers to offer targeted assistance and empower student success.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Increase new fundraising revenue sources to sustain our work and ensure all students graduate with a college and career readiness plan for their future.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Build awareness and broaden our leadership expertise for long-term sustainability.

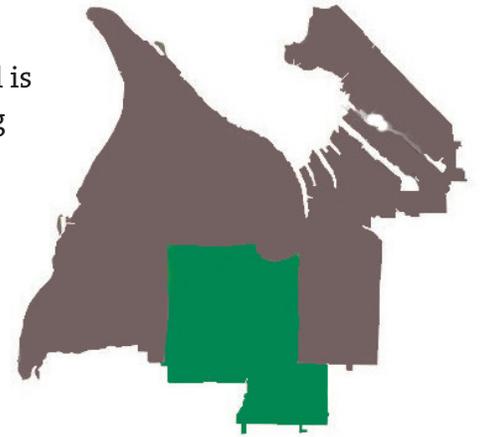
INNOVATION • COLLABORATION
RELATIONSHIPS • IMPACT

Improving student learning in the 253 Impact Zone

Communities In Schools Staff serves and connects at-risk students and families with resources through a unique model of Integrated Student Supports (ISS) to serve the whole child. We take a school-based approach to promoting students' success by coordinating a seamless system of wraparound support for students, families, and schools to address the academic and non-academic barriers to student learning.

High school dropouts are more likely to be unemployed, live in poverty, and receive public assistance. Graduating from high school is a major indicator of success later in life; therefore, helping students stay in school is not just a school problem, it's in the community's best interest. Increasing graduation rates requires that the entire community work together to ensure that all students have an opportunity to reach their potential.

The 253 Impact Zone area has a population of around 65,000 residents, many of whom struggle with lack of affordable housing, food insecurity, few transportation options, lack of access to healthcare, and high rates of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Our vision for the 253 Impact Zone is to build a safe, healthy, and stable community where children and families can thrive. Extensive collaboration with community partners who will invest time, energy, and resources in building a continuous system of support for grades PreK-12 throughout the South Side will help accomplish this goal.



Theory of Action

Communities In Schools of Tacoma will focus on five elements to guide specific actions to create growth and inspire student achievement:

- Inspire healthy living
- Engage community partners to shape our environment
- Invest in innovation and our future workforce
- Cultivate relationships to inspire others to reach their potential
- Connect and engage individuals in our cause



Resources Required

We are in a growing city with a high level of student poverty and fragile students who need a safety net of resources. Raising at least \$75,000 will support coordination efforts to ensure that all struggling students will have access to:

- Books
- Health care services
- Hygiene products
- Nutrition support
- Trained tutors/mentors
- Program supplies
- Innovative extended learning activities
- Uniforms
- School supplies
- Academic assistance
- Family engagement opportunities
- Community and service learning with life skills
- College and career preparation with life skills



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