

# **Shrewsbury Public Schools & Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union**



**“Colonial Connections”  
Potential Business Partnership**

# Strategic Priority

*Connected learning for a complex world*

## Strategic Goals:

- Build community partnerships with businesses, institutions, and individuals in order to increase access to experiential learning and career awareness and to enhance learning in the STEAM fields (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics)
- Provide opportunities that help students develop independence after graduation, including exposure to career choices

# **Strategic Priority**

***Connected learning for a complex world***

## **District Goal:**

- By June 2019, create at least one partnership with a business and at least one partnership with an institution of higher education, and identify how these partnerships will be expected to promote experiential learning and career awareness in the STEAM fields

# Strategic Priority

*Enhanced well-being of all*

## Strategic Goals:

- Create a common understanding of the benefits of the skills, habits, and mindsets of social and emotional learning and develop a shared, systematic approach to explicitly teach, integrate, and assess these competencies
- Improve support systems and resources to enhance the well-being of students and staff

# **Proposed Position:**

## **Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being**

Would add critical leadership capacity to achieve strategic priorities by:

- building and sustaining partnerships between the school district and families, businesses, non-profits, higher education organizations, and alumni in order to enhance opportunities for student learning experiences
- developing partner, volunteer, and financial support to advance the district's mission and goals
- enhancing the social, emotional, and physical well-being of students and staff

# **Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being**

Addition of this position is recommended by the Collins Center at Umass-Boston in their Central Office Organizational Study for Shrewsbury Public Schools:

*Finding: Additional Capacity at the District Leadership Level in the form of an Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Community Partnerships and Well-Being*

*The project team's findings indicate that the team concurs with this assessment of the need for an additional Assistant Superintendent to facilitate oversight of important District strategic goals and initiatives.*

# **Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being**

Addition of a position like this is recommended by the National Commission on Social, Emotional, & Academic Learning.

Recommendation from their report, *From a Nation at Risk to a Nation at Hope*:

*Align resources and leverage partners in the community to address the whole child: Build partnerships between schools, families, and community organizations to support healthy learning and development in and out of school. Blend and braid resources to achieve this goal.*

# **Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being**

Addition of a position like this is recommended by the National Commission on Social, Emotional, & Academic Learning.

Recommendation from the report, *From a Nation at Risk to a Nation at Hope*:

*...this requires allocating resources to support a dedicated, full-time, culturally competent person who understands the community and the school district, and who can manage and promote partnerships with youth development organizations, as well as those providing health, mental health, and social services.*



# Proposed Business Partnership

## “Colonial Connections” program

- Partnership with Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union (SFCU), who would become the “signature sponsor” of the Colonial Connections program
- \$400,000 in contributions over five years
- Funding to be used to build capacity for connecting with businesses and institutions to advance “real world learning” opportunities for our students

# Proposed Use of Sponsorship Funds

- Purchase of a van for student transportation to off-site learning opportunities
- Initial full funding for Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being and subsidies in future years *(proposed last year but not funded)*
- Support for Colonial Connections program events, speakers, materials, etc.

Fiscal Year	Contribution from SFCU	Use of funding
FY 2020	\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase van for Colonial Connections transportation of students to offsite, real-world learning opportunities (\$45,000)</li> <li>• Fund addition of Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships &amp; Well-Being (\$145,000)</li> <li>• Colonial Connections activities (\$10,000) (e.g., career fair, learning project curriculum materials, career &amp; parent night keynote speakers, etc.)</li> </ul>
FY 2021	\$93,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships &amp; Well-Being position offset (\$85,000)</li> <li>• Colonial Connections activities (\$8,000) (e.g., career fair, learning project curriculum materials, career &amp; parent night keynote speakers, etc.)</li> </ul>
FY 2022	\$57,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships &amp; Well-Being position offset position offset (\$50,000)</li> <li>• Colonial Connections activities (\$7,000)</li> </ul>
FY 2023	\$33,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships &amp; Well-Being position offset position offset (\$30,000)</li> <li>• Colonial Connections activities (\$3,000)</li> </ul>
FY 2024	\$17,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships &amp; Well-Being position offset (\$15,000)</li> <li>• Colonial Connections activities (\$2,000)</li> </ul>

# Three Votes Requested

- School Committee vote to establish position of Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being
- School Committee vote to establish the job description for this position
- School Committee vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to establish sponsorship of the Colonial Connections pilot program

*Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union Board of Directors  
voted in support of the partnership MOU on 2/26/19*

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