

# Schools as Community Hubs Lead Partner Selection

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- Leverette Elementary, Pickett Elementary, Robinson Elementary, and Scott High School are all participating in the Schools as Community Hubs program and each school has completed the process of selecting a Lead Partner – an organization that will lead the Hub strategy and coordination of services in each school.
- Each school had its own review team comprised of the principal, a teacher building representative, neighborhood members, a parents or grandparent, and United Way education volunteers.
- The review teams went through an orientation to learn about the review and scoring process and to receive proposals and rating sheets.
- Organizations interested in applying completed an Intent to Apply application and eligible organizations who met the initial criteria were invited to submit full proposals.
- Each member of the review team scored each full proposal individually before participating in the group proposal review session.
- At the group proposal review session, review team members discussed their individual scores and developed a consensus score for each criterion of the proposal.
- Based on scores, review team members identified each Hub's two highest scoring applicants for follow-up interviews with the review team to respond to further questions.
- The final decision was made after both interviews were completed and the review team compared the strengths and weaknesses of each organization based on the submitted proposals and follow-up interviews.
- The following Lead Partners were selected:
  - **Leverette Elementary: YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo**
    - Strengths –youth, education, and health programming; knowledge, understanding, and experience in working with and in schools; willing to partner with United North
  - **Pickett Elementary: University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service**
    - Strengths – has been involved with Pickett school and other neighborhood groups; has a presence in the neighborhood; diverse and broad resources to support a Hub strategy; an existing University and College plan to develop community partnerships and resources through a hub model
  - **Robinson Elementary: University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service**
    - Strengths – financial resources and existing networks/partnerships; focus and mission of the College is health, human services, and education – the priority areas of the hub model; has existing and supportive relationships

- **Scott High School: Lutheran Social Services**
  - Strengths – has an existing model with another school district that displays their ability to coordinate and deliver broad services; values engagement of faith-based community organizations and would make a priority to develop relationships with those in the Scott neighborhood to connect them to this initiative; has fundraising plans and ideas that would support those of Scott High School; sees this opportunity to serve as being very mission-driven and would work diligently to make this strategy at Scott High School successful; transparent about strengths and weaknesses and committed to working with others and practicing collaborative leadership
- Next steps for each Lead Partner include hiring a Hub Director who will engage the schools, families, and neighborhood stakeholders to begin shaping the Hubs. Together, neighborhoods will decide what opportunities and services are needed and what partner organizations might help provide those services.
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