

From Pillars to Practice: Innovative & Doable Ideas



Pillar 1: Collaborative Leadership and Practices

- → Share decision-making with staff, students, families, and partners
- → Create cross-role leadership teams and shared planning structures
- → Use protocols that surface diverse perspectives and shared goals
- → Dedicate time for regular reflection and co-learning
- → Build systems of accountability with, not just for, stakeholders



Pillar 2: Integrated Student Supports

- → Identify and address students' academic, health, and social-emotional needs
- → Use data to proactively offer supports—not just respond to crises
- → Coordinate with health clinics, food banks, counselors, and community organizations
- → Create a school-based care team that meets regularly
- → Make student support visible and accessible (referral forms, posters, QR codes)





Pillar 3: Expanded & Enriched Learning Time

- → Extend learning beyond the bell—after school, weekends, and summer
- → Offer arts, STEM, physical activity, and culturally relevant programming
- → Partner with community orgs to provide unique learning experiences
- → Use enrichment time to build identity, confidence, and curiosity
- → Ensure equity of access (free transportation, meals, language access)



Pillar 4: Active Family & Community Engagement

- → Invite families as co-creators, not just event attendees
- → Use multiple communication methods (texts, WhatsApp, in-person chats)
- → Host culturally affirming events co-led by families and students
- → Center family voice in decision-making groups and feedback loops
- → Build trust through consistent, two-way communication and outreach

