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## **Brown County United Way Reinvests in Community Schools Initiative to Support Local Scholars and Families**

**GREEN BAY, WI** – Brown County United Way is proud to announce a \$150,000 reinvestment in its Community Schools Initiative for the 2024-2025 school year, expanding its impact to two schools: Howe Elementary Community School and Nicolet Elementary School. This renewed commitment builds on the success of the partnership between Brown County United Way and the Green Bay Area Public School District, ensuring greater access to critical resources for students, families, and the surrounding community.

Howe Elementary Community School, with 373 scholars in grades 4K through 5th, has been a cornerstone of the Community Schools Initiative since its inception. Nicolet Elementary School, now joining the initiative, serves 330 students in grades 4K through 5th. Together, these schools embody the Community School model as neighborhood hubs, offering academic, emotional, health, and social services to foster holistic support for scholars and their families.

Key Pillars of the Community Schools Initiative:

- Integrated student supports
- Expanded learning time and opportunities
- Family and community engagement
- Collaborative leadership and shared decision-making
- Partnerships with community organizations

“The Green Bay Area Public School District values the continued collaboration with Brown County United Way to create strong neighborhood schools that support students and their families,” said Vicki Bayer, Superintendent of Green Bay Area Public School District. “This reinvestment focuses on areas of critical need that will have a positive impact on student achievement.”

“This investment underscores Brown County United Way’s commitment to supporting local schools and families,” said Robyn Davis, President and CEO of Brown County United Way. “By expanding the Community Schools Initiative, we are working alongside our partners to create environments where students can excel academically and thrive personally.”

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This reinvestment will address several critical needs identified by the schools, including:

- Integrating student and family supports into schools such as meals and health services
- Student and family engagement opportunities
- Initiatives to increase attendance

Brown County United Way's ongoing investment in the Community Schools Initiative demonstrates its unwavering commitment to creating pathways to success for all. By fostering collaboration among educators, families, and community partners, this initiative ensures that every child has the resources and support needed to excel.

For more information about the Community Schools Initiative, please contact Jill Sobieck at [jill@browncountyunitedway.org](mailto:jill@browncountyunitedway.org).

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### **About Brown County United Way**

Brown County United Way's mission is to unite people, resources, and ideas to co-create community solutions that strengthen every person and every community in Brown County. We envision an inclusive community where all individuals are able to meet their basic needs and have equal opportunity for stability in their health, education, financial well-being, and community connection.

### **About Green Bay Area Public School District**

The Green Bay Area Public School District is located in Northeast Wisconsin and with more than 18,000 students is the fourth largest public school district in the state. With 39 schools and many wonderful pathways, the Green Bay Area Public School District has a school or program that is a great fit for every child. Mission: To educate all students to be college, career and community ready inspired to succeed in our diverse world.

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