



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title Approval of the recognition of the Shining Star Community Partner Award to Drs. Sunny Cheng and Lucas McIntyre

Department Office of Community Partnership

Board Meeting Date September 28, 2023

Background

Tacoma Public Schools defines 'partnership' as a cooperative relationship between students, families, schools, school districts and the greater Tacoma Community. Partners are committed to supporting student academic success and the whole child. Partners work with and invest in the education of our children and youth-whose future, in turn, will affect the quality of life in the entire Tacoma community.

When it comes to student success TPS recognizes that schools cannot do it alone. In recognition of an investment of time, talent, and resources for TPS students, families, and staff - the Shining Star Community Partner Award signifies honor and thanks to a community partner who has made a difference by doing what is best for kids.

Current Consideration

The Whole Child department has partnered with Drs. Sunny Cheng, Associate Professor with The School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership at University of Washington Tacoma, and Lucas McIntyre Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist with Multi Care, for the past 2 school years (21-22 and 22-23) in support of school counselors and school social workers. Sunny and Lucas have been amazing community partners that provide monthly Case Consultation Session opportunities for school counselors and school social workers where folx can bring issues of behavioral health, challenges of practice, and/or other consultation questions to the monthly sessions. During the monthly Case Consultation Sessions, Sunny & Lucas have gone above and beyond to share their professional expertise to support school counselors and school social workers when it comes to how to best support youth, caregivers, and staff in the realms of behavioral health, mental health, challenges of practice, etc. Sunny & Lucas have supported individual cases, while also presenting on topics such as Selective Mutism, Suicidality, etc. Their continued willingness to share their lens, as well as take in and learn with the school counselors and school social workers has been indescribable.

We are looking forward to continuing to evolve and grow the collaborative partnership for the 2023-24 school year and perhaps offer up opportunities for more TPS folx to be involved in the Case Consultation Sessions with Drs. Cheng & McIntyre. Their countless hours of consultation, collaboration, dedication, and service is greatly valued and has not gone unnoticed!

Recommendation The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize Drs. Sunny Cheng and Lucas McIntyre as being awarded the Shining Star Community Partner Award.

Strategic Benchmark Partnership

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