

HB 1899 -- SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SPONSOR: Swan

This bill creates the School-Community Partnership Fund to finance grants to public and charter schools for the purpose of leveraging community resources to increase student success. The fund is financed by any moneys that may be appropriated to it by the General Assembly and by any voluntary contributions from other sources. Fund moneys shall be used solely to administer grants to schools.

The bill also authorizes schools to create school-community partnerships pursuant to plans submitted to and approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. School-community partnership plans must comply with requirements specified in the bill.

The State Board of Education shall award grants from the School-Community Partnership Fund to schools that achieve the measurable outcomes described in their school-community partnership plans. Schools without an approved partnership plan are not eligible for grants.

The bill also requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise its scoring guide under the Missouri school improvement program to provide additional points to schools that achieve the measurable outcomes described in their school-community partnership plans.