

Full-Service Community Schools Grant

**Applicant Name: Mobile Area Education Foundation**

**Project Title: Mobile Area Full-Service Community Schools Taskforce**

**Absolute Priority the Project Addresses:** (select all that apply)

- Absolute Priority 1 – Title IA Schoolwide Program Eligibility
- Absolute Priority 2 – Title IA Schoolwide Eligibility and Rural Districts – Small and Rural or Rural and Low-Income
- Absolute Priority 3 – Capacity Building and Development Grants
- Absolute Priority 4 – Multi-Local Educational Agency Grants
- Absolute Priority 5 – FSCS State Scaling Grants

**Competitive Preference Priorities the Project Addresses:** (select all that apply)

- Competitive Preference Priority 1—Meeting Student Social, Emotional, and Academic Needs
- Competitive Preference Priority 2—Strengthening Cross-Agency Coordination and Community Engagement to Advance Systemic Change

**Total number local educational agencies (LEAs) to be served by the project: 2- MAEF**

**Public Charter Schools & Chickasaw City Schools**

**Total number of schools to be served by the project: 4 schools and grades K-12**

**Total estimated number of students to be served by the project: 1,800**

The Mobile Area Community Schools Taskforce (MACST) is a partnership between the Mobile Area Education Foundation (MAEF), MAEF Public Charter Schools, Chickasaw City Schools, and community-serving partners including public sector agencies, community nonprofits, workforce development and higher education partners, and healthcare providers. This community coalition will build upon its existing “community schools” efforts by expanding early-childhood education, out of school learning time enrichment programming, and workforce development programming at Chickasaw Elementary (including its early learning center), Chickasaw Middle and High School, ACCEL Preparatory Academy (Grades 6-8), and ACCEL Day and Evening Academy (9-12). Chickasaw City Schools serves 1,100 students and has a 66 percent poverty rate. MAEF Public Charter Schools serves 650 students and has a poverty rate of 85 percent. 70 percent of students at MAEF PCS are off-track academically, and 14 percent of youth are adjudicated.

In addition to expanding services, the MACST will launch programming to support youths ‘social and emotional development including programs to foster students’ successful transition to elementary, middle, high, and postsecondary schooling. The Taskforce will also implement research-based strategies to enhance youth violence prevention and rehabilitation for at-risk youth. In partnership with local healthcare providers, both Chickasaw and MAEF Public Schools will encourage the increased health and wellness of their students and families through the provision of healthcare services on campus using a school-based clinic model. Lastly, the Taskforce will nurture family engagement through targeted case-management including home visits and specialized workshops for families. As a result of these combined efforts, the number of students served in full-service community school programming will grow from 450 to 1,500

over the five years of this grant. Additionally, the number of parents supported will increase from 150 to 500.

To promote sustainability of these efforts and encourage the adoption of these best practices in neighboring schools, the work of the Taskforce will be integrated into the Youth Success Partnership (YSP), the local education reform coalition facilitated by MAEF and composed of county-wide leaders in K-12, higher education, business, and civic agencies. The YSP tracks community-level education data, develops strategies to improve educational outcomes, and fosters collaboration among public and private agencies to implement shared strategies. Thus, the work of the MACST will be taken to scale through its engagement with the YSP.