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## **The College Community School District and the YMCA of Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area to Perform Extensive Community Needs Assessment for Recreation/Wellness Center on the College Community Campus**

Prairie Families:

Providing our growing student population with an onsite pool/aquatics center has been a point of discussion for several decades. Now that we are nearing completion of College Community School District's (CCSD) 10-year master plan to ensure updated and adequate spaces to accommodate a growing student population, we are now able to turn our attention to amenities and programming to further enhance the student/family experience CCSD.

In envisioning an aquatics center, the District Facilities Committee would like to consider a facility to provide a full service, multi-generational recreation and wellness center for the entire College Community Schools Community. In this visioning process, we have developed a partnership with the YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area to operate this facility if approved by residents.

CCSD and the YMCA are conducting a full program and community Needs Assessment throughout the College Community School District and surrounding service area.

The Cedar Rapids YMCA and College Community School District have engaged Triangle2 Solutions to perform a full program and community needs assessment throughout the College Community School District and surrounding areas.

The study will specifically assess the feasibility of a community center located on the school campus across from Prairie Crest Elementary. This potential facility would serve students, as well as all residents of the College Community School District and the surrounding areas.

A wide range of facilities, programs and services will be tested, including an indoor track, aquatics facilities, pickleball courts and many other program areas.

**Several hundred homes in the CCSD area will be called or emailed will be contacted.** Community participation and feedback through the survey is welcome and encouraged. Residents will be randomly selected to participate in a phone survey, and an online survey will be available to ensure all who are interested get to give their feedback.

- **Take the SURVEY online: <http://triangle2.Cedar-Rapids-YMCA.alchemer.com/s3/>**
- ***Random phone contact will come from the 704 area code and have Triangle2 Research on the caller id.***
- ***The survey will launch July 17<sup>th</sup> and run through July 28<sup>th</sup>, with preliminary results back in August.***

*“In addition to the important responsibility of educating our future workforce and citizens, schools are a place where community members can come together, connect, serve others and become lifelong learners. If approved, this recreation/wellness center will be a key hub of a growing SW side and our school district, providing our students, families and communities access to health and wellness activities. We are excited for the synergy our partnership with the YMCA of Cedar Rapids will bring to our programs and communities.” - **Dr. Doug Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools.***

*“Taking care of people along with improving the health and well-being of our community has never been more important. Partnerships with organizations that have similar missions is always a priority and we are proud of our record of collaboration. Along with our Board of Directors and leadership team, I look forward to working with the College Community School District to deliver a new state of the art facility for the community.” – **Bob Carlson, President/CEO YMCA of Cedar Rapids***

The YMCA is dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and healthier communities. For more than 150 years, the Y has been an integral part of our community; serving its residents in a leadership capacity. Demand for programs and services offered at the Y has grown tremendously in recent years and we look forward to this collaboration with the College Community.

T2 is a well-respected research organization that has partnered with over 300 organizations over the past 22 years. They provide a comprehensive, integrated set of professional services, including vision planning, facility development, financial development, research, and marketing.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Wheeler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas Wheeler, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools