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New Education Partnership to Impact Success of Hastings Students

(Hastings, MN) The United Way of Hastings (UWH), in conjunction with Independent School District (ISD) #200 and Communities In Schools® Twin Cities (CISTC), announces a new collaboration to benefit Hastings students. The partnership involves strengthening existing webs of support for students and helping them succeed with enhanced connections to community resources.

The partnership is an extension of the UWH's Helping Kids Succeed initiative which emphasizes the importance of strong, healthy relationships as the key building block for student success. Through a school-based coordinator, CISTC will bring community resources into schools to empower success for all students. Their focus is on removing barriers, keeping kids in school and on the path to graduation. CISTC leverages data-based evidence, relationships, and local resources to drive results.

CISTC, in collaboration with ISD #200, is hiring a school-based coordinator at the Hastings High School. The partnership will continue through the 2019-2020 school year and 2020-2021 school year. Future goals include a coordinator in each school building.

A community open house will be held in January 2020 to build awareness about the partnership and answer questions. For more information, contact UWH Executive Director, Mari Mellick, at 651-438-3337 or mari@unitedwayofhastings.org.

Communities In Schools is a national organization whose mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

The mission of the Hastings Public Schools, working in partnership with the family and the community, is to educate individuals to be responsible, lifelong learners who possess the skills, knowledge, creativity, sense of self-worth, and ethical values necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing, culturally diverse, global society.

The UWH is an independent United Way that has worked for over 55 years serving Hastings and the surrounding rural communities within Independent School District #200. Its mission is to build partnerships to improve the lives of people in our community. Donations are accepted year-round. For more information about the UWH and the agencies it funds, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org.

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