



# COLFAX COUNTY

DIVERSION & TRUANCY



# POPULATION

- Schuyler Population: 6,169 (as of 2014)\*\*
- Schuyler Community School Population: : 967 Students  
(High School and Middle School only)
- Free and Reduced Lunch:
  - High School: 92%
  - Middle School: 94%

# SCHOOL POPULATION BY CULTURE

- 17 different cultures and subcultures and 11 different languages and dialects spoken

- Most prevalent cultures:

Sudanese

Ethiopian

Guatemalan

Congolese

Somalian

Latino

# CHALLENGES THAT OUR COMMUNITY FACES

- Truancy
- Life skills
- Class Requirements
- Religion
- Housing, Food, Basic Life Necessities

# TRUANCY

- The Importance of Going to School
- How do you communicate that?
  - Grade Counselors
  - Speaking to Students Directly

# LIFE SKILLS

- Family Dynamic
  - Parents work schedules
  - Siblings needs

# CLASS REQUIREMENTS

- Physical Education
- Language Barriers
- Lack of Translators

# RELIGION

- Rival Religions = Issues
- Problems with being taught by male teachers

# HOUSING, FOOD, BASIC LIFE NECESSITIES

- Housing Shortage
  - On average a 2 bedroom house has 2-3 separate families living there.
- Most students on free and reduced lunch
- No access to basic necessities (shampoo, soap, deodorant, hygiene products)

# LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS- UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

<b>2012-2013(Prior to School Interventionist in School201</b>	<b>2013-2014 (First Year Employed But Not In School)</b>	<b>2015-2016 (Located Within School)</b>	<b>2016-2017 (Located Within the School)</b>
2,689 Unexcused Absences	2,122 Unexcused Absences	2,158 Unexcused Absences	1,470 Unexcused Absences

## GRANT DOLLARS AT WORK

- Community Based Aid (CB) Dollars (2016-17): \$36,912
- Community Based Match/Colfax County (2016-17): \$7,400
- Enhancement Based CB Dollars (2016-17): \$11,400
- Enhancement Based Match/Colfax County (2016-17): \$1,267
- Total: \$56,979

# HOW CAN YOU MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

- Interlocal Agreement between Schools and County Attorney
- Truancy Officer in the School
- Diversion Program – pursue youth to attend your program!
- The BEST Program



# QUESTIONS?

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