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**KeyBank Supports Attendance Improvement Programming in
Pittsburgh with a \$15,000 Grant**

PITTSBURGH (August 9, 2023) -

KeyBank Foundation is supporting better attendance in Allegheny County with a \$15,000 grant, over the next year to Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh - Allegheny County (CISPAC). This project will aim to reduce school-wide absenteeism by 5% annually until the district is at least level with the Pennsylvania state average. CISPAC will assess needs, coordinate resources, and provide case management and follow-up care for the students.

Absenteeism is a problem in many local districts in the Greater Pittsburgh region. Students who miss large amounts of school not only see their grades suffer but are also more likely to drop out or end up in the juvenile system. Often, absenteeism is a symptom of more complicated problems at home. Anything from mental health issues to poverty and food insecurity can lead to missed school days.

With the support of KeyBank, CISPAC's team is tackling this problem through a community-school model where resources that students need are brought into the school. Community-based staff make connections with other providers and, most importantly, with families to build custom support for students. CISPAC staff initiate in-school support like daily check-ins, homework clubs, and incentives to help students develop greater investment in their education. CISPAC works with county services and community support to ensure families get the help they need to support stability in their homes.

Since 2017, KeyBank has made community investments supporting low to moderate income individuals and neighborhoods totaling more than \$496 million in Western Pennsylvania. This involves lending for affordable housing, small businesses, mortgage and home improvements as well as transformative philanthropy.

"We are committed to helping Pittsburgh area students and families thrive by providing financial assistance to help meet their needs," said Vic Laurenza, KeyBank's Western Pennsylvania Market President. "This investment will help ensure a bright future for many students and build stronger communities in our region for years to come."

KeyBank, recognized as one of America's 50 most community-minded companies by the National Conference on Citizenship and Points of Light, is known for improving the quality of life in its communities.

KeyBank will present the \$15,000 check to CISPAC August 18th at 1 p.m. at CISPAC's main office, 3840 South Water Street, 15203.

For more information on CISPAC and how we can help your school district, visit <https://www.cispac.org/>.

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About Communities In Schools of Pittsburgh – Allegheny County

CISPAC is part of the Communities In Schools ® network that ensures all students have what they need to stay in school and on a path to a brighter future. Working directly inside more than 2,500 schools and community sites across the country, we connect 1.62 million students to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed in school and life. With a proven mix of evidence-based practice and human capital, we do whatever it takes to empower kids to realize their full potential. To learn more about CISPAC, visit cispac.org.

About KeyBank

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