

ENGAGING WITH THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY



WHO THE HECK IS THIS GUY?

- Adam McLane
- Partner, The Youth Cartel (www.theyouthcartel.com)
- Our goal is to help gather adults who minister to adolescents in new ways.
- One hypothesis we are exploring is to help adults engage with adolescents whom they have natural proximity to and giftedness to serve.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH OUT-OF-SCHOOL WORK?

- Everything!
- Many religious adults are already spending countless hours vocationally and / or voluntarily investing in the lives of adolescents in the public arena. (Woohoo!)
- Our current strategies have failed to affect adolescent culture in a statistically meaningful way, leaving passionate & trained adults actively looking for new strategies or opportunities.
- Many religious millenials are foregoing traditional ministry vocation for a lifestyle of vocational mission.

CURRENT TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN SUB-CULTURE

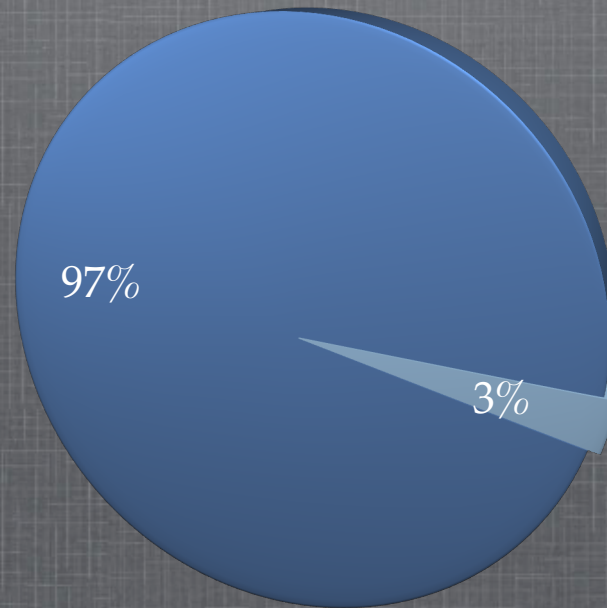
- Justice, mercy, and community involvement trump Christian identification.
- Christian millenials would rather partner with than create Christian alternative “anything.”
- *A not-so-subtle shift* from proclamational & prescriptive postures to relational investment.
- A lack of agreeable matrices meant the money stopped coming.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SURVEY

*An informal survey of 103 ministers who are within
1 degree of separation of adammclane.com*

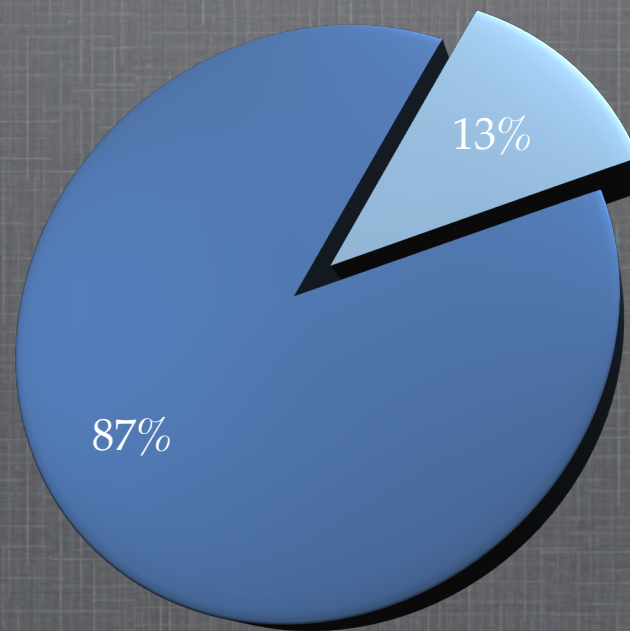
ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN SOME
CAPACITY BY A CHURCH OR CHRISTIAN
PARACHURCH ORGANIZATION?



● Yes

● No

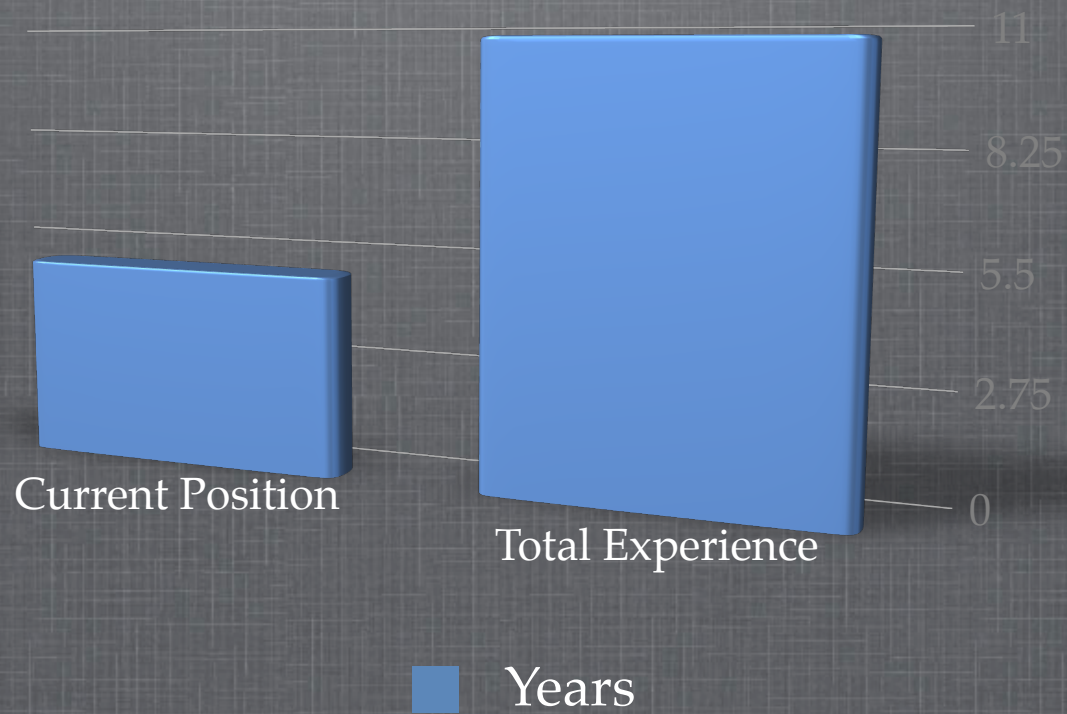
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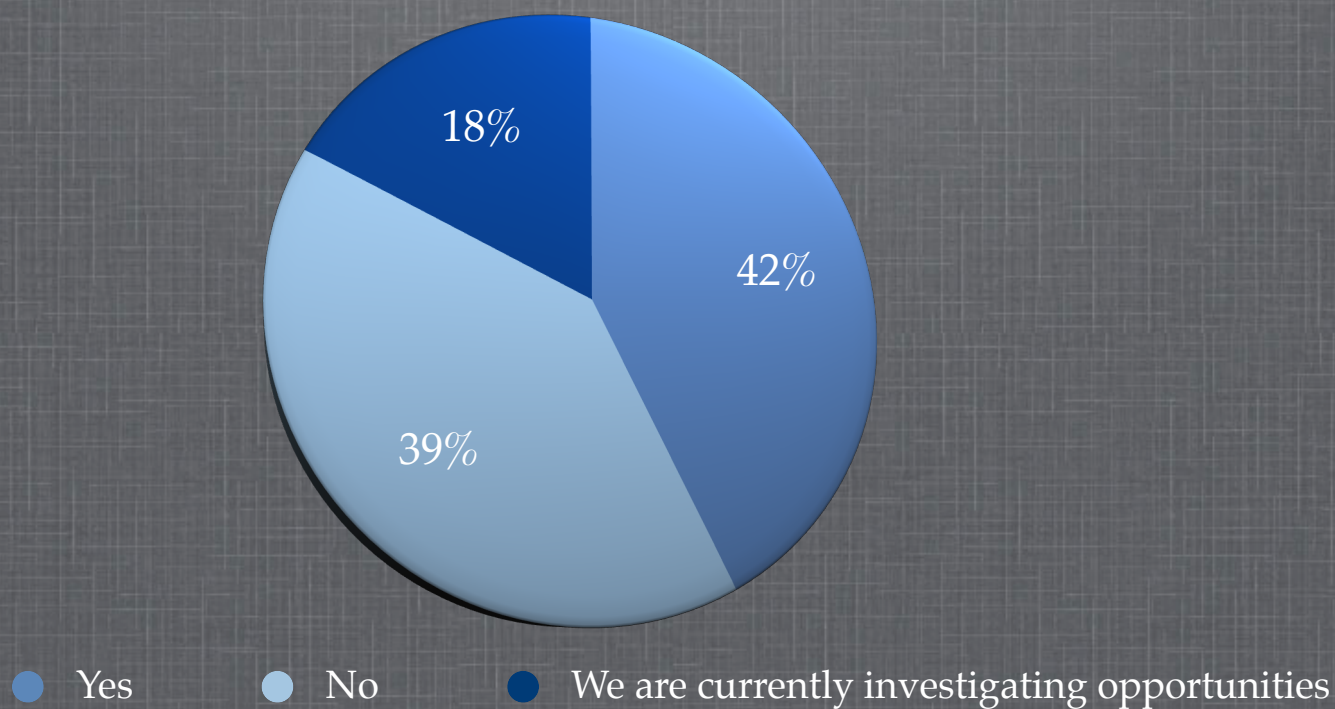
● Full-time

● Part-time

EXPERIENCE LEVEL



IS YOUR CHURCH OR MINISTRY CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL(S) IN YOUR COMMUNITY AT AN ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL?



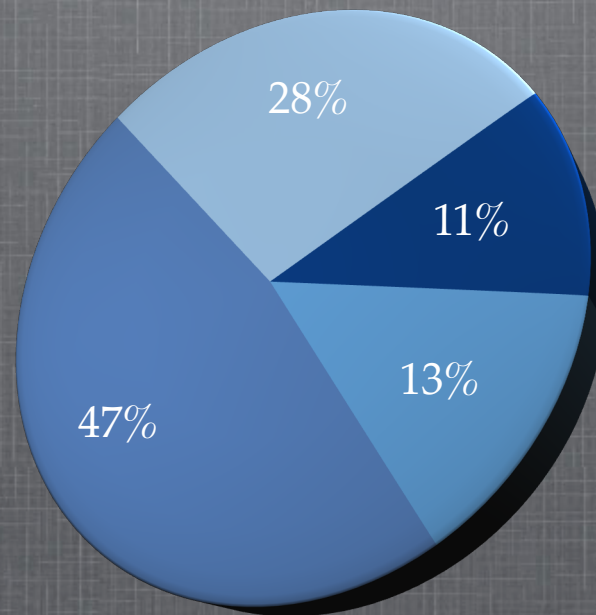
A FEW DESCRIPTIONS OF HOW CHURCHES ARE INVOLVED...

"We run an after school care ministry to public school children"

"Our church as a whole has adopted an early childhood center. We help them out with building upkeep, clothes and food drives, and periodically throw parties or celebrations for their teachers and students."

"Mentoring program at a local grade school for at risk children. (Low income or single parent)"

ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN A VOLUNTEER CAPACITY?



- Yes
- No
- Not currently, but in the recent past
- Currently researching / seeking opportunities

A FEW DESCRIPTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL INVOLVEMENT

"I'm a volunteer in an ESL program"

"I volunteer at the local middle school as a coach, lunch time aid, and chaperone."

"After school tutoring, visit during lunches, supervise middle school section at football games."

"I serve as an emergency counselor when there is a death or tragic situation - I serve with 3 other clergy in the community."

"I chaperone middle school dances, serve as a lunch and recess volunteer, and assist in senior pranks :)"

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT INVOLVEMENT

Organizationally - *We help where we can in big or small ways as good community citizens.*

Individually - *I volunteer in my kids schools, but I like to be involved where I can. (My role as clergy freaks out some administrators)*

WHAT ARE OBSTACLES, REAL OR PERCEIVED, WHICH INHIBIT A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

"We have an open invitation and opportunity to participate individually. Obstacles from an organizational level exist in misinterpreting laws regarding the separation of church and state."

"The idea that we have ulterior motives to serving."

"Churches/people of faith are not welcome in our schools. Districts believe that we are not allowed in the schools or unwilling to provide the bridges with the faith community. Lack of Trust . Bad history."

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“A religious worker is at first met with strange glances and hesitation.”

“Some seem to be threatened by direct church/Christian involvement, and much of that is the church's/Christian's fault (too pushy with proselytism, seeming to have an agenda, etc.), so some schools are 'closed' to that type of involvement, especially if a church/ministry is directly involved.”

“We haven't really experienced in. Schools in our area are very willing to accept help from local churches.”

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“Fear. Fear of proselytizing on their part. Fear of having permissions revoked (open lunch visits, opportunities for volunteering, etc.) on ours.”

“Even for a southern (read, “Bible Belt”) state, schools have been a bit less-willing to coordinate activities and programs with schools over the last 4-5 years. I have personally encountered principals who cite the church/state dynamic in declining to work with churches.”

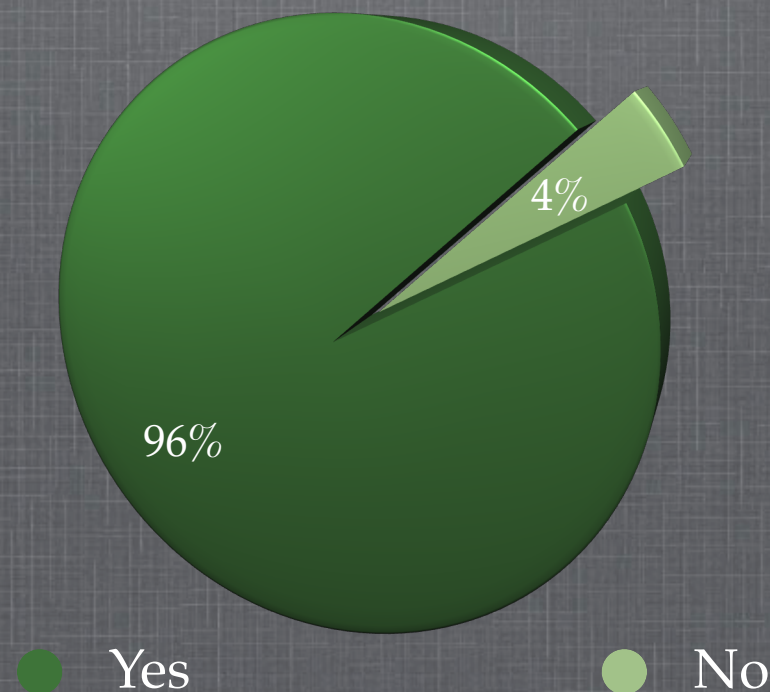
“Lack of relationship between ministry leaders & school administration.”

WHAT DO YOU WISH PUBLIC SCHOOL OR
AFTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS KNEW
ABOUT YOUR CONGREGATION OR
MINISTRY?

A synthesis of all answers...

“That we'd like to support the schools more!”

IF ASKED, WOULD YOU BE WILLING
TO HELP YOUR MINISTRY GET MORE
INVOLVED WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS?



SHARED PAST DIFFICULTIES...

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RULES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- Partnership language
- Be clear with expectations
- Communicate your needs!
- Staff are the gatekeepers organizationally.
- Facilities & land access
- Develop peer relationships
- Meet to dream together

Are you currently employed in some capacity by a church or Christian parachurch organization?	What is your employment status?	How many years have you been employed at your current ministry?	Including all roles and all employment statuses, how many total years have you been employed by a church or parachurch ministry?	State	What is your primary role at your current ministry?	Is your church or ministry currently involved in some capacity with a public school(s) in your community at an organizational level? (Beyond individually volunteering or knowing of congregant involvement. Does your ministry have a specific program in place?)	Please describe your ministries involvement	Are you or your spouse currently involved in a volunteer capacity?	Please describe your involvement	What are obstacles, real or perceived, that you think inhibit a better relationship with public schools in your community?	Organizationally, what would your ideal or dream involvement with public schools be?	What do you wish public school or after school program administrators knew about your congregation or ministry?	If asked, would you be willing to help your ministry get more involved with public schools or after school programs?	What are the types of opportunities your church might be interested in? (Check all that apply)	Last question: What, if anything, would you like to communicate to public school or after school administrator?
										I live in a small community (city population of 2100) and used to work full time with the school in Building Maintenance. I know almost every school employee well, including all administration and most of the School Board. I am allowed to do just about anything in or with the schools that I want. Sometimes I'm there for lunch. I substitute teach and am allowed to speak about anything with the students once they finish their assigned work. the youth ministers from all denominations in town do a Baccalaereate Ceremony at the school each year together. But there is not really any obstacles that I have yet to run into, but there's not a whole lot of "Volunteering" type opportunities either.	I'd love to have the opportunity either as the youth minister of my congregation (Church of Christ) or working together with the youth ministers from other congregations here in town to teach religion in the school. the state of Texas allows it, but the school here has not picked it up yet	My School District is fairly well informed of what we do.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating after school events or assemblies	We're on the same team, looking out for the holistic growth of kids. Work with us because we care, not against us because we believe
Yes	Full-time	5	7	Texas	Associate Minister or Pastor (ordained)	No		No					Yes		
Yes	Part-time	2	4	Illinois	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		Not currently, but in the recent past	volunteered in classrooms to help as needed. I helped at the elementary level. I read with students, helped with math, did class projects etc.	They don't really want me there. They have others who have been in the community forever and I'm more of a newcomer, so unknown.	I'd love to be a resource they can use for a variety of reasons. I have several workshops on the teenage brain, relational aggression, bullying etc. I can help out with other things as needed. I can work as a crisis counselor as needed.	They know we're here. They use our facility for meetings and such. I just wish they knew we were more than a building.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students	We have many resourced people in this congregation. We would be willing to partner with you if you'd let us.
Yes	Full-time	4	4	Texas	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		No		My own hesitation (introversion), the thought of walking into a school in my capacity scares me somewhat.	occasional substitute & sponsor for events my students are involved in.	?	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Mentoring Students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies	I'm not sure how to really go about getting involved, but the information I've received in the past seems to lean towards schools not being very open to ministers involvement. how do we correct that?
Yes	Full-time	3	8	California	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	We are currently investigating ways to get involved	Our church is working with Younglife to launch a Wildlife middle school program in the fall.	Yes	Past ministries I've had opportunities to volunteer as a lunch monitor, coach basketball, and speak at assemblies.	When churches come in with the savior mentality and overstep their bounds they forget about simply organizing a sober grad night, dance, celebration, etc.	I would be ideal if my ministry was contacted when they needed a crew of volunteers or a group to organize a sober grad night, dance, celebration, etc.	We are both on the same page with our desire to create & nurture healthy learning environments. We are here to serve students, faculty, and staff.	Yes	Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating volunteer involvement, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	How can we as ministry staff & volunteers serve your organization?
Yes	Full-time	6	24	Texas	Associate Minister or Pastor (ordained)	No		Yes	We sponsor/chaperone events - attend school functions - substitute occasionally - serve on committees, etc.	We have an open invitation and opportunity to participate individually. Obstacles from an organizational level exist in misinterpreting laws regarding the separation of church and state.	I actually prefer an individualistic approach. It allows freedom and personality. I prefer organizational advances to be made by students.	We are both on the same page with our desire to create & nurture healthy learning environments. We are here to serve students, faculty, and staff. We love students - we're not in competition with them. We aren't Bible-thumping, hate-mongering, finger-pointing people bent on judging people and more intent on converting people than loving them. Our faith-base brings a different context - but possibly a necessary one. When they turn a blind eye to us, they throw out the baby with the bath water.	Yes	We would be open to any opportunity	We understand (though not fully, I'm sure) the pressures of your job. We are praying for you and available.
Yes	Full-time	2	3	California	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	I am not sure if this counts, you decide. Our church has an after school program. This is one of the most booming programs in our church actually. It is not a faith centered program and they are connected with many different public schools in the area.	Yes	volunteer at the local middle school as a coach, lunch time aid, and chaperone.	Here in the San Francisco Bay Area there is a large gap between church and public schools. Many public schools in the area immediately get negative thoughts when they hear I work at a church. This is possibly connected to a fear of church workers proselytizing.	Ideally, I would be a volunteer coach at the high school, with the opportunity to visit campus at lunch time. I would be a presence on campus that known by both students and administrators.	That our ministry has similar goals to their programs. We are all looking to assist in the development of adolescence. To help them grow into capable men and women. And that to do that, we seek to build relationships with students to show them that we care for them, and that they matter.	Yes	Mentoring students, Coordinating volunteer involvement, Creating a program to service a need	
Yes	Full-time	2	4	California	Lead Minister or Pastor (ordained)	Yes	We do a bible-based kid's club at elementary school after school once a week and are trying to get one started at the local middle school. We are also involved with the Christian Clubs on the HS campuses as well as my presence with my students.	Yes		policies and administrators. Every administrator seems to have their own policies based on their personal preferences. there is not really an even playing field.	for it to be an open campus, where I could come and spend time with my kids whenever I wanted without question and to be able to help the spread of the gospel on the campuses. kind of a pipe dream though...	we really love the students.	Yes	Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating after school events or assemblies	none
Yes	Full-time	5	10	Indiana	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	We are currently investigating ways to get involved		Yes	Currently as youth and young adult director at our church in order to be involved on in the school system in our community I volunteer as asst. boys basketball coach, I mentor an at-risk student through another educationally focused non-profit organization and have weekly lunches and spend time with my mentee, and I run a monthly All Pro Dads breakfast at an elementary school and hope to expand this to all elementary schools and the middle school this coming school year.	a general concern, but is what it is and we have to honor it and be strategic to work within it. Building and managing trusting relationships with school administrators and teachers can be inhibiting as it takes time to build trust with administrators and teachers. Sadly we live in a society where there are more and more inappropriate sexual relationships happening between students and adults, so administrators and teachers play a tough balancing act. While they desire to help students deal with non-educational challenges that they face in life, such as tough family situations, divorcing parents, and other emotional challenges that affect a student's education, they also have to balance this with following secular policies and procedures to protect students and to protect their own jobs. Also dovetailing with this issue comes a more perceived issue. I am constantly aware of the the negative perceptions or stereotypes that may pop into people's minds about a man my age (37) working with teenagers in the community. The term "creeper" is always in mind. I am very careful that any actions I take with students to build relationships with them for the sake of the Gospel are not misperceived by them, by parents or by school administrators as inappropriate or even look inappropriate. I may be hyper sensitive to this issue	corporation that the school board and community recognizes and trusts our church as an intimate partner in the preparation of students for a healthy and successful life after high school. I don't have specific ideas at the moment on how to get our entire church on board with this vision, but some type of year round involvement would be awesome, where people from our church are recognized as a people who have a heart for the young people in our school system. I am still strategizing and praying for our church to recognize that the heart of a community is the school system, especially if you want to help families and reach them for Christ. We started a tutoring ministry at one elementary school and are looking to expand this to two other schools and offer it at the middle school. This has been wildly successful in helping us build relationships with parents and families. I started offering an All Pro Dad monthly breakfast at one elementary school and we hope to expand throughout the entire school system as we look to help dads be involved in the lives of their kids and connect in real ways. So we just need to build on this idea of identifying and addressing real needs of families as it pertains to the education and successful development of their children AND we need to identify areas of concern that administrator and		That we want to help and be involved.	We want the opportunity to help and be a partner in developing healthy families and healthy well educated students. With out a doubt we are primarily concerned about the spiritual condition of students and we won't hide this or attempt to down play or deny this fact, however we are not ignorant of the separation of church and state issue. We respect this law and respect the fact that people believe different things. We will be respectful and trustworthy to not overstep our bounds while on school property or while helping with school events. This all being said, we simply want the opportunity to invest in students lives to help them be successful contributing people in society. If we can have this opportunity, then we are willing to let the chips fall where they may when it comes to our hopes for people to come to know Christ. Just let us help.	
Yes	Full-time	8	8	Minnesota	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	yes, we created an after school program that we tried to partner with the school on.	No		We still have a relationship...but it's very much subdued.	to have a true partnership where it's a give and take relationship all for creating something that uses all of our strengths in connecting to kids and families.	We are really good at relationships and connection. I wish they would be able to loosen their practices. Also, just because we aren't "teachers" with an education degree does not mean that we aren't professionals.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	we could be a very useful tool in helping to reach and connect with students, and with most churches...we understand serving the community...and you don't have to be hyper concerned we are going to "evangelize" to all of your kids.
Yes	Full-time	2		Tennessee	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	We have adopted the closest elementary to our church, a very ethnically diverse school. We provide volunteers, support, and even refurbished their teacher's lounge with paint, furniture and appliances. We have also done book drives for all of the kids to have their own book (which many did not) and clothing drives for under privileged kids at the school. We recently received the highest honor the Tennessee PTA can award, and also won the County Award for Community Involvement in the school.	Currently researching / seeking opportunities		The idea that we have ulterior motives to serving	Lunch with students; involved as a mentor or assistant with an athletics team	We are here to serve the community in any way we can	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies,	Some we don't know what to do, just as you do not know how to ask. But we are willing to help just as you need help.

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							We have been involved in two areas 1. Provided space for choir to perform before a new auditorium was built 2. Provided tutoring Forgot this - we are involved with other churches in hosting and leading on a rotating basis, a Baccalaureate Service for the 5 th class every year.		I read in lower elementary classrooms as a guest reader (not where my son attends, but other classrooms) I am reading as a leader in the community. I also serve as an emergency counselor when there is a death or tragic situation - I serve with 3 other clergy in the community. I also serve of the district Reproductive Health Advisory Committee which reviews human sexuality curriculum in grades 1 through 12	More evangelistic pastors who have used their volunteer roles to recruit for their youth ministries. School leaders who are fearful or distrusting of religious leaders and especially youth workers.....often from a bad experience in the past.	That we take working with children seriously and provide training to our leaders to keep our children safe. That we desire to provide opportunities for all children to succeed. That all children are loved by God and welcomed.		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need	Many of us as clergy have training that would be of benefit to schools and children.
No	Full-time	19	38	Michigan	Lead Minister or Pastor (ordained)	Not currently, but in the recent past		Yes		Not sure - but being actively involved is good.		Yes		That many of our churches have unused space that could be available to schools.
Yes	Full-time	5	16	Texas	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		No		Too busy serving in the church (brutal, right? but it's the truth)	Be on campus at least 1/week as a volunteer to help give an on campus presence to at least 1 of our local MS or HS.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need	I'm here and I would love to build a relationship with the public school system.
Yes	Full-time	5	21	Texas	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	We partner with the public school on a number of events that happen in our church facility. None of these are events that are led or started by our church but our church is involved. Specific examples is the HS Orchestra hosts a Battle of the Bands which attracts 200+ students and the HS Film club hosts an Academy Awards party every year where they screen student films.	Yes	My wife and I are very involved at the elementary school but that's mostly because we have kids there. We also are involved at the MS. My wife is also a teacher so she is at both schools subbing a lot	Nope. In my community the schools love the church so it's easy to be involved.	A closer connection with the administration so they would call me more when they need help.	Yes	Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Helping under resourced children, Coordinating volunteer involvement, Creating a program to service a need, We would be open to any opportunity	That we don't just come on campus to share Jesus with students and to preach. We are just like teachers. We love students and care about them.
Yes	Full-time	10	10	Missouri	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		Yes	I eat lunch with students about once a week, volunteer for field trips	Our schools have an intruder policy in place, so it is very difficult to go into our schools for any reason Chicago Public Schools allow basically no help from any religious institutions. I am often times not even permitted in schools to attend lunch, but only for extra curricular activities. Opening up schools to people who want to have a positive presence with kids would be a huge step.	after school tutoring, back pack programs	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	We're here and willing to help!
Yes	Full-time	4	12	Illinois	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		No		The other obstacle in Chicago is that due to the selective enrollment process, kids attend high school all over the city, typically not the high school that is close to their home.	I care about more than just witnessing to kids. I want to care for their overall well-being, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. I don't want in schools to evangelize, but to love on kids and build relationships with them.	Yes	We would be open to any opportunity	That we both do what we do because we love kids and their families, and that by partnering together we could do much greater good than by each of us working independently.
Yes	Full-time	2	2	Indiana	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		Currently researching / seeking opportunities		Fear of not be welcomed or wanted.	Be able to help when it is needed.	Yes	Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies	We want to serve you, not just share our faith with you.
Yes	Full-time	6	6	Indiana	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	1. Prayer partner with neighboring Elementary School - supporting teachers. 2. Volunteers in ReadUp program for 3rd graders via United Way 3. Initiating program with intermediate schools for more adult/community involvement with kids as they become disengaged. 4. Fellowship of Christian Athletes 5. Good News Bible Club (Via CEF - Child Evangelism Fellowship)	Yes	1. ReadUp program via United Way 2. FCA 3. School lunch time visitor 4. Leadership in program with intermediate schools for more adult/community involvement with kids as they become disengaged.	Lack of awareness of the needs. Lack of time to just sit down and connect. Our school system is very receptive to the church and we simply need to do a better job understanding the needs, which we are starting to do.	Help with mentoring, after school programs, parent connections. Help plan with school principals, counselors, superintendents.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	Let's coordinate needs and our calendars together for true community.
Yes	Full-time	5	16	Colorado	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	We oversee a mentoring program at area elementary schools. We also provide additional resource help, i.e. clean-up, remodeling, money, volunteers for special projects, and etc... We also serve in an advisory role in some capacities, through fighting teen suicide, gang activity, community involvement, and etc...	Not currently, but in the recent past	helped with high school sports, mentoring, and counseling.	Skepticism towards the church and Christians in general, because of our location (Boulder County, CO), and some Christians and churches who have not been good examples.	To be the best resource for our schools.	Yes	Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, We would be open to any opportunity	We appreciate all that they do for our kids and teens, and that we want to be partners with them to make our community a better place.
Yes	Full-time	2	6	New Jersey	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		No		My perception is that schools are closed to involvement from people from religious settings. At one point I did try to be a mentor at the local middle school, and either that program ended up being cancelled or I was not considered for it. In past churches, schools have been open to youth pastors visiting at lunch. In my current setting this would not be appropriate.	I would love to lead a bible study similar to what young life does at my local high school, with the assistance of youth ministry kids. I would also like to be a volunteer.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating school events or assemblies	Nothing.
Yes	Full-time	4	4	Kentucky	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		Currently researching / seeking opportunities	At the local middle schools (2) there is a mentoring program that takes place during the school day. They meet once a month. Our ministry is looking for ways to get involved, both voluntary and organizationally.	Finding a foot in the door. The biggest obstacle is "proving your worth" to the school system. How your involvement will have a worth while impact on the students.	Being able to help ways the school can make an impact in the local community. Ideas to provide tutoring and mentoring.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Mentoring students, Coordinating volunteer involvement, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating after school events or assemblies	
Yes	Full-time	2	7	Illinois	Lead Minister or Pastor (ordained)	Yes	We have a program provided by a network of churches called Uprising. It is a student lead, student run program where students (mentored by a pastor) take steps in radically living out their faith in High School. uprinenetwork.wordpress.com under Campus Uprising has the details	Currently researching / seeking opportunities		That much of the public school staff doesn't understand or is still unclear to them about the true laws behind "Separation of Church and State"	To serve them by offering free programs in sports, arts, etc. Anything to help serve the community and the faculty.	Yes	Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Creating a program to service a need, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	That our church is here to help

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Yes		Full-time		1	20 Nebraska	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	We are currently investigating ways to get involved			Not currently, but in the recent past	classroom workshop presenter in health classes.	fear of outsider resentment of faith based organizations being on campus.	Ability to be in schools to meet with students during lunch hour, have class room availability for bible studies, ministry programming on campus.	That we will work harder to not burden the school than previous ministries have!	Yes		Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	We'd love the opportunity to serve the school in any way that we can!
Yes		Full-time		10	10 Tennessee	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	We pick children up from school and transport them from the school's after school program to our church for Wednesday night. We work with the school to make sure children are taken care of as well with school supplies, shoes, and coats throughout the year.	Yes		My wife works in the afterschool program 4 days a week and I volunteer for field trips, school fundraisers, standardized testing proctoring, and anything the school will let me on campus for.	For us, denominational lines cause tension. Also, for me, trepidation about what I will be allowed to do or not to do in the school, coupled with demands on my time in the church office, cause me not to deepen my relationship with the schools.	That we work hand in hand to be a champion for teenagers and children in our county and area. That we see our mission as a multi-faceted job that must involve community, school, religious, and family leaders to make sure that our children are holistically taken care of.	That we are available! I would do anything, ANYTHING, to get time out of the office to serve these children and youth that I love. If I have a legitimate reason, I can do that. But, I can't just go hang out at the school as often as I would like.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	We aren't in competition. We may have different beliefs, backgrounds, ideals, or morals, but in the end, the love that we have for children should bind us together in serving them. Let me help you, and hopefully, there are ways you can help me too.
Yes		Part-time		2	8 Indiana	Associate Minister or Pastor (ordained)	We are currently investigating ways to get involved		Currently researching / seeking opportunities	We've volunteered in many, many different forms during the past several years.		Most schools in our area are frightened of crossing the "church and government" line. They're afraid or have been burned in the past that someone will come and start preaching in the lunch room or school activity. Currently, 2 of our principals in the area will not allow Christian youth workers in to the schools for the reasons I listed above. Whether it's lunch in the lunchroom with students or wanting to start an after school program they are nervous.	My dream would be a complete partnership with local schools. We help provide volunteers for various functions and events perhaps even funds and they can send students to our campus for after school activities, clubs, events, etc.	That we simply love their students and we want to be there with them and share with them during their difficult times. Yes, we love Jesus and we want students to love Jesus too, but we want to help students overall.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating volunteer involvement, Creating a program to service a need	Let me know how I can help you.
No		Part-time		3	3 California	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	We hold clubs on High Schools once a week	Yes	I used to volunteer in my kids classrooms	It's all about building those relationships and trust with the Administration.	To hold clubs on every Middle School/Jr. High and High School in my area.	That we are here for the community and just want to love on the kids. Not force the Bible on the kids. It's about a safe place for the kids to go, and keep out of trouble.	Yes		We would be open to any opportunity	We are here for the community and the kids, how can we help?	
Yes		Full-time		4	13 Washington	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	We are currently investigating ways to get involved	An hunger organization spurred from a ministry in our church, now separate for grant funding purposes but housed in our building, began organizing boxes (rather than backpacks) for families of a local school utilizing the free/reduced school lunch program. These boxes are filled with food for a month for families. Many people in our congregation give money, food, and time in prepping and distributing the boxes. Other than this we currently don't have engagement in a school.	Yes		PTA, chaperone field trips for my daughter's class, help out with fundraisers and staffing events when I'm not running my own for work, and work on take home staple packet projects for daughter's teacher as needed.	Difficult to find information On how to help, older congregation who loves children but believes may not have energy, so many other community and family centers/organizations already helping, they think we have a religious agenda when we say we don't.	Partnership with PTA and classroom teachers so they can give us a wish list of supplies and volunteer needs that we can distribute to our church.	We have people who want to help and will when they are given a need to address.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	
Yes		Full-time		1	5 Pennsylvania	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		No			I'm relatively new to the area, and we have 6 different high schools feeding into our church, with another 6 in the area. It's hard to figure out where to begin when you have that many schools. On top of it, you don't want the "jealous child" syndrome if you volunteer at one, should you volunteer at all of them? At that point it might become a full time job, don't know.	We'd have our foot in the door at all the schools they'd know they could come to us if there was a need, whether it be support for the school as a whole, individual students or families, or the faculty. And we'd be proactive about going to them with the means to support them.	The doors aren't closed. Our offices close at 3, which isn't exactly prime time for after school opportunities, but we still want to plug in and be a part of what's going on.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	We want to be used as a resource- we just don't know what the needs are.
Yes		Part-time		6	4 Kentucky	Associate Minister or Pastor (ordained)	No		No			Schools are closed to visitors for the most part.	Open door to minister and serve	That we're not a danger	Yes		Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Mentoring students, We would be open to any opportunity	
Yes		Full-time		3	7 Virginia	Associate Minister or Pastor (ordained)	Yes	I'm not sure if this applies, but I, as the student ministry run a school club, Wyldlife on Tuesday mornings at a middle school. We are an officially recognized club at the school. Wyldlife is a ministry of Young Life, but for middle school. There is also another youth volunteer who leads 1st priority, which is an officially recognized school club. It's a bible study that is also held on Tuesday mornings. He is a teacher at the school as well.	Yes	I volunteer to run Wyldlife, a christian school club at a local middle school.	The separation of church and state definitely inhibits the relationship. Some school administrators are skeptical of a church being involved with the school and at the school. We once ran Wyldlife at a different school than where we are at now and it was the biggest club the school had, bigger than the football team even. We were trying to be a positive influence with the school and the principal loved us. But once there was a new principle, she gave us the boot even before we got to have our first club meeting of the year. I think too that some schools are worried too about the right type of people being involved with their students.	As a resource for them. There are several schools that are on a lunch program or need help tutoring and their teachers are stretched. Well we have teachers at our church that are willing to help tutor and be a resource to them. We would love to partner with them and aid them in what they are doing.	That we want to help, we have the resources, that we have volunteers, that we won't be a burden to them and we won't drain their budget. We just want to help.	Yes		Maintenance, cleaning, or improvements to the physical space or classrooms, Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students	We want to come along side of you, we don't want to push Christianity on you, we just want to help you and love your kids.	
Yes		Full-time		5	10 Ohio	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	No		Currently researching / seeking opportunities	New administration who wants to keep church and state separated. So we are looking for ways for our leadership volunteers to help mentor at risk students in the youth diversion program.	We also have Young Life in our community which seem to put a youth ministry annoyance on the administration.	Ideal: Just an openness to sit down with us and give us ways they could be served. Volunteers for events, donations for supplies, etc. etc.	We just want to love on and encourage students. We want to be a safe place for their kids and their families and we are not interested in showing religion down their throats.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	We're sorry about bad experiences you've had with other church youth workers in your career or in our community. The only agenda we have is to love on students and encourage them to dream and be who they were created to be.	
Yes		Full-time		5	6 Arizona	Associate Minister or Pastor (ordained)	Yes	Beginning in the fall of 2012, our church will partner with two local schools- one elementary, one high school- in establishing an on-campus mentoring program. Through the help of the principals and the school counselors, we hope to have loving, caring adults come alongside students as a guide and advocate, particularly for single-parent homes and at-risk students. We are beginning with a dozen mentors at each school and hope to expand to other schools who also have this need.	Currently researching / seeking opportunities	This next week, I'll be turning in my volunteer application to help at the local high school where we're beginning the mentoring program. I'll be on-campus at least once a week as a sort of hall monitor, as one of the biggest needs of the school is adult supervision. The school is the largest in the state, and reportedly the third largest in the nation, and the bus system currently drops off underclassmen anywhere from 60-90 minutes before classes begin. With hundreds of unsupervised students on campus and very few places for them to gather, the physical security cannot possibly sustain the number of students. The principal has asked me to help (and recruit more help) in being a loving adult presence on campus.	The one obstacle I've perceived from the officials I've worked with is a balancing that line between separating church and state. When a church is invited into the school, there is a genuine fear that both the people in the community and the officials on the school board would perceive this as proselytizing or giving special favor to one particular faith. While I've made it very clear that proselytizing is not our agenda, the perception is still there: "A pastor is on campus, so he must have mixed motives." In essence, one of my greatest tasks in partnering with a school is building trust.	I'd love to have a true partnership, where school officials and church leaders would find ways to mutually benefit one another without pretense or wariness. I would love to see a community that genuinely trusted both its church and its school because it sees that both exist to make that community a better place. I'd love to have school officials that I could genuinely call my friend.	I wish they knew that we genuinely cared about them as people, not just as administrators. I wish we could apologize for not reaching out into our community sooner out of our fears and biases. I think that both of these wishes are possible in reality, and believe that both will come true for us.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	Take a risk and trust the local church. Forgive us when we've failed, when we've been inconsistent or had mixed motives or didn't jump at the opportunity to help and support your schools. They're OUR schools, together, and I pray that healthy church/school partnerships would become the norm and not the exception.	
Yes		Full-time		17	18 California	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	Our children's ministry runs 2 different after school bible clubs. We have an on campus presence at the local middle school as well.	Yes	Helping with sound at various events. Running special game day events. Lunch aid volunteer.	I think a lot of people don't think we are allowed to be on campus, or that they don't have the time to be involved.	That each staff person served on the local campus 4-5 hours per week in any capacity.	That they knew we were here and willing to do anything.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	That we are here for them. That we are normal people who love students and want what is best for them.	
Yes		Full-time		11	17 Texas	Ministry Director - Youth, Family, Children's ministry, worship ministry, etc. (non-ordained)	Yes	I'm the Associate Director for Children's Catechesis and our Diocese has several Catholic Schools	Yes	I'm a volunteer in ESL program	In our city, it is language, many Spanish speaker people don't feel welcome in our public schools because they don't speak the language.	More parents involved in PTA and school related activities, more presence of parents in the school and in after school activities.	I would like for them to know that we serve the same people	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	Our children are a precious gift from God and their well being is a whole, not just academically but also spiritually we must take care of them.	
Yes		Full-time		4	18 Virginia	Lead Minister or Pastor (ordained)	Not currently, but in the recent past	Provided after-school tutoring, music education & character building programs.	Not currently, but in the recent past	Served on PTSA	Lack of relationship between ministry leaders & school administration.	To serve on an advisory role	That we were welcoming and looking to build strong, positive relationships within the community.	Yes		Helping under resourced children, Helping under resourced teachers, Mentoring students, Coordinating school events or assemblies, Coordinating after school events or assemblies, We would be open to any opportunity	We simply want to help make our community a better place for everyone.	