# Statement of Need

School divisions and individual schools may be at different stages of developing community schools. Some schools and school divisions may have already completed a self-assessment to identify areas of growth, while others have not started this process yet. The Virginia Department of Education has provided an optional self-reflection activity as a resource to assist school divisions in identifying needs to be targeted by the funding. You do not need to attach your self-assessment or the optional self-reflection activity to the application packet.

With the input from the Community Schools Exploration Team, please complete and attach the *Statement of Need*. The purpose of this document is to describe the needs of the school division and the targeted school(s). The team may use data from their own needs assessment or the optional Self-Reflection Activity to identify priorities and needs. Please add or delete rows as needed.

Key Elements for Statement of Need:

* For each school targeted in the program, identify assets that will support the implementation of this program, including whether a dedicated community school coordinator is currently in place or will be hired as part of this grant.
* For each school targeted in the program, clearly identify areas of need from one or more of the four branches of support: Collaborative Leadership; Student Engagement and Motivation; Family and Community Engagement; and Student Emotional Wellness, Mental Health Needs, and Basic Needs. Then, clearly describe the needs of the school.

## School Divisions

| **School Name** | **Description of Assets and Area of Need** |
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| Identify the targeted school  | Briefly describe the assets and needs, including any information about the school population and areas for growth. Please describe the criteria for selection and the needs of each selected school community.  |