

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS



All in for Hunter

Hunter has faced a lot of challenges in her life but thanks to her resilience and the help of her CIS Site Coordinator, Tish Plumlee, she is on track to graduate in May.

READ HUNTER'S STORY

College & Career Readiness

Making postsecondary education plans can be difficult and a lot to process, especially for students already dealing with their own unique challenges. For some, they are the first in their family to graduate, explore college, or start a new career. CIS site coordinators provide guidance and support so every student has a plan that's right for them after high school.



Coalfield School students tour a class at TCAT

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THE WARNER EXCHANGE



After talking to families at Warner Arts Magnet Elementary School, it was identified that the major barrier to student attendance was a lack of access to basic needs items. Our site coordinator, Ali Jenkins, came up with an innovative solution that would eventually become known as the Warner Exchange. Parents send their children to school, and at the end of each month, they receive the items they need in exchange.

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CIS-TN IN THE NEWS

McNairy County News: Mentoring at the heart of County CIS Site Coordinators

In McNairy County, CIS of Tennessee has two site coordinators: Terrell Beene (Adamsville High School) and Amy Rhymer (McNairy Central High School). Terrell and Amy both go above and beyond their job descriptions to help students on their respective campuses. Read the article to learn more about the work they've done this school year to help students across McNairy County.

READ ARTICLE

Tennessean: How the Warner Exchange brought our community together | Opinion

It's 9 a.m., and my daily attendance phone calls to parents of absent students have begun. Working directly inside Warner Arts Magnet Elementary School as a site coordinator for Communities In Schools (CIS) of Tennessee puts me in a unique position to identify barriers in student success and provide real-time interventions to help alleviate them.

READ ARTICLE

Tennessean: Tennessee Voices, Episode 272: Ricki Gibbs and Ali Jenkins, The Warner Exchange

On this episode of the Tennessee Voices video podcast, Principal Ricki Gibbs and Communities In Schools Site Coordinator Ali Jenkins talk about their sense of purpose and how school systems need to go from reactive to proactive in order to serve children better.

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GET INVOLVED



One week until the Big Payback

The online event begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4th and continues until 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th. During this 24-hour giving window, your donation to CIS of Tennessee will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, until we reach \$5,000. Make sure you're following us on social media so you can learn more about the work CIS has done over the last decade and to make a donation that will help our students finish the school year strong.

You're also invited to join us at East Nashville Beer Works on Thursday, May 5th, from 4-7 p.m. for a closeout celebration! A portion of your check will benefit CIS of Tennessee.



Site visits are back

Join us on Wednesday, May 4th at 10 a.m. at Tom Joy Elementary School for a first-hand look at the work CIS site coordinators do every day inside the school. Click here to RSVP.

Help CIS meet the basic needs of students

When a student's basic needs aren't met, they cannot focus in school and may become chronically absent. You can help eliminate this barrier by purchasing items from our Amazon wishlist! All items will be distributed to students and families across the state who need them most.

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