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## **Birmingham City Schools to Partner with Area Colleges, United Way to Offer High Dosage Tutoring for K-12**

**BIRMINGHAM** – A new high dosage tutoring program approved Tuesday by the Birmingham Board of Education will give BCS scholars additional help in reaching academic goals and recovering learning loss experienced since the pandemic.

BCS is partnering with area colleges and the United Way of Central Alabama to make this initiative happen, beginning in January 2022.

Local colleges are identifying dozens of students who will serve as tutors in Birmingham City Schools. They will be paid for their work, and they also will be exposed to the rewards of teaching and mentoring.

“Our teachers in Birmingham City Schools do an excellent job with our students, but we know many of our scholars can benefit academically from additional attention to the details of learning,” said Superintendent Dr. Mark Sullivan. “This initiative will make a difference in so many ways.”

Sarah Newell, Vice President for Community Impact with United Way, said the organization is pleased to partner with BCS and many of the area colleges and universities.

“We believe we will provide essential learning support to K12 students who need extra help to get caught up academically following the pandemic,” Newell said. “An additional benefit of the program will be the ability to expose area college students to the amazing opportunities they have to teach our students right here in Birmingham.”

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