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District Parent Communications & Involvement Guidelines

Children achieve success when families are involved in their education. In partnerships, each level has roles and responsibilities in supporting academic achievement and student success.

District Administration:

- Makes high-quality parent communication and involvement a priority districtwide. (Goal 2 of Strategic Plan)
- Provides regular opportunities for parents to participate in dialogue on districtwide issues through focus groups and other parent groups.
- Provides regular training for administrators and teachers in parent communication and involvement.
- Makes parent communication and involvement an integral part of the district's professional evaluation process.

Principals:

- Enhance parent communication and involvement by empowering all school staff to communicate and work closely with parents.
- Treat parents as respected and valued partners in their children's education.
- Provide regular opportunities for parents to participate in decisions on school site issues through school-level groups and parent organizations.
- Actively seek and support parent and community partnerships.
- Continuously improve parent communication and strengthen the partnership between school and home for all families at their school.

Teachers:

- Communicate clearly and regularly with parents, engaging them in classroom curriculum and instruction as well as parent involvement activities.
- Contact parents early in the year to build two-way communication for positive relationships.
- Treat parents as respected and valued partners in their children's education.
- Welcome and encourage parent participation in the classroom.
- Provide instructional strategies for parents to use at home.

Parents and Guardians:

- Work as responsible partners with the district administration, the principal and the teacher to support their student's success.
- Read and respond to all school communication.
- Actively participate in their student's curriculum and instruction.
- Create places and provide materials that support their student's learning.
- Volunteer and participate in district, school and classroom activities that strengthen the partnership between home and school.