**Parent-Teacher Partnerships for Student Success**

**Module 3: Equality and Decision-Making**

**Equality Activities**

* Provide equal accessibility to all families
* Provide ways for teachers, parents, and students to voice their ideas and concerns
* Provide information and resources to increase families’ political knowledge and skills in the area of education
* Provide options to families through community connections, building / district programs, other information
* “Curriculum nights” to help parents understand and support grade-level expectations and to provide them with materials and specific activities to support academic development in their child
* Clear, open process for resolving problems
	+ Parent-teacher (or parent-teacher-student) conferences to help problem-solve concerns, with follow-ups as needed
	+ Parent-led conferences to address concerns
* Parent groups also focus on supporting student outcomes and district improvement goals
* Provide opportunity for parents to support staff needs (teach staff, connect to resources) to help students
* Have parents help other parents requesting assistance in (homework, meetings, special education understanding, transportation, finding community resources, etc. . .)
* Provide leadership roles in district / building for parents
	+ Parents have equal decision-making roles on committees / councils
	+ Put parents on interview teams for administrators and staff
* Parent Volunteers to help organize classroom activities and events
	+ Provide parents access to school equipment / space to work on school-related tasks
* Invite parents to be guest speakers on topics related to their culture, employment, etc. . .
	+ Have parent present information regarding their child’s disability and successful strategies to staff / students
	+ Co-present with parent on disability, culture, etc. . . to other parents and/or staff
* Other Activities: *Beyond the Bake Sale, pp. 262-63*

**Resources**

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