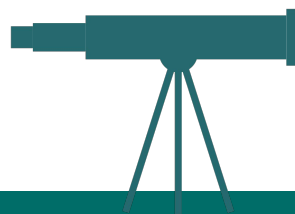


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*CHARTING NEW
TERRITORIES*

in Family Engagement



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Improving Family-School Partnership Through the National Network of Partnerships School Model in Columbus City Schools

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PLAN FOR TODAY'S PD SESSION

- Where we are
- How we got here
- Where we're headed





ALL IN CCS





AUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Influenced by the research-based work of **National Network of Partnership Schools**, recognized national expert Dr. Joyce Epstein (Johns Hopkins University), and the Ohio State University Center for Family Engagement.
- **“Authentic Engagement”** - Engaging with students and families where they’re at, in the languages they speak, at the times they are available, in the ways that are most accessible to them, in multiple formats, with multiple attempts, and always with a bit of grace.



NNPS IN CCS

I. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Promote two-way (school-to-home) communication.

- Provide information to families and promote regular and open communication.
- Communicate with families in a format and language that is understandable.



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2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

Provide families with supportive resources for home and cultivate a welcoming, student-centered environment at school.

- Provide family activities that relate to various cultures, languages, practices, and customs, and bridge economic and cultural barriers
- Provide information to families to support the proper health, safety, and well-being of their children.



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3. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Provide parents with a wide range of opportunities to assist the school/students.

- Create volunteer opportunities for families to support school activities.
- Support other needs, such as transportation and childcare, to enable families to participate in school-sponsored events.
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4. LEARNING AT HOME

Provide parents with ways to extend and support students learning at home.

- Offer training and resources to help families learn strategies and skills to support at-home learning and success in school.
- Help families to provide a school and home environment that encourages learning and extends learning at home.



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5. DECISION MAKING AND ADVOCACY

Include parents as participants in school decision making, governance and advocacy (often through PTA/PTO, school councils and committees).



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6. COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Assist families in accessing community and support services that strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning and development.

- Coordinating and integrating family involvement programs and activities with District initiatives and community-based programs that encourage and support families' participation in their children's education, growth, and development.



AUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT

STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

Priority 1:
Whole-Child Focused

Priority 2:
Equitable Opportunities for All

Priority 3:
Strong Learning Communities in Every Region

Priority 4:
Authentic Engagement



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STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

Priority 4: Authentic Engagement

Columbus City Schools will actively engage all stakeholders to ensure that every experience with the district engenders mutual trust, develops quality relationships, and strengthens collective support for the benefit of our students.

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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

OBJECTIVE:

GROW AND STRENGTHEN SCHOOL-BASED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Expansion of Family Ambassador Program
 - EVERY building to have at least one Family Ambassador.
 - Up to 130 Family Ambassadors district-wide.
- Hiring of SIX Regional Family Engagement Coordinators
- Increased Professional Development Opportunities
- Continuation of Bilingual Engagement Liaisons
 - Partnership with ETSS to provide outreach to New American and immigrant families (does not replace ESL team).



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OBJECTIVE:

GROW AND STRENGTHEN SCHOOL-BASED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Expansion of Membership in National Network of Partnership Schools
 - Expand on pilot effort in Region I.
 - At least THREE new schools in every region annually.
- Collaboration with Ohio State University Center for Family Engagement
 - Additional professional development, training, and support on NNPS modeling and school-based implementation.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

OBJECTIVE:

**STRENGTHEN ECOSYSTEM OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
INCREASE DEPTH AND QUANTITY OF RESOURCES AND PARTNERS
IN EACH REGION**

- Mobilize and grow community partnerships aligned to district priorities
- Recruit all partners to enter CCS Partnership Registry
 - www.ccsok.us/PartnershipRegistry

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