



Partnership Schools Network



# Re-designing and Evaluating Family Engagement Events and Strategies



January 20, 2023 Professional Learning Session

9 AM -12 PM



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**Family Engagement Center**

at The Ohio State University



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# Today's Presenters

## **Dr. Barbara Boone**

Director

Ohio Statewide Family

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The Ohio State University

## **Dr. Meredith Wellman**

Project Lead

Ohio Statewide Family

Engagement Center

## **Dr. Joyce Epstein**

Director

National Network of Partnership

Schools

Johns Hopkins University



# Today's Presenters from Ohio Partnership Schools

**Renee Kochis**, Mason CLC K-6  
(Akron Public Schools)

**Mitch Tom**, Licking Heights West  
Elementary (Licking Heights Local  
School District)

**Stephanie Garren**, Alliance  
Intermediate (Alliance City School  
District)

**Laura Applegate**, Peebles  
Elementary (Adams County Ohio  
Valley School District)



# How are you doing today?

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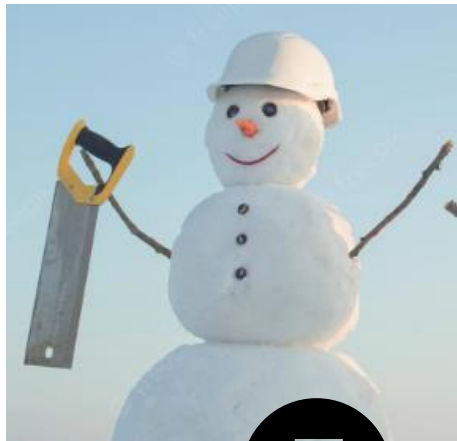
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# Agenda

- The Resources for Your Team: [ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu](http://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu)
- Re-design Activity, with Dr. Boone
- Evaluating Partnership Activities, with Dr. Wellman - I do, We do
- Ohio Districts Share Their Practices
  - Akron, Licking Heights, Alliance, Adams County-Ohio Valley
- National Perspective with Dr. Epstein



# Goals

- I know how to access resources for improving family-school engagement through the OSU website.
- I can re-design a family engagement activity to reach more families and to benefit students.
- I have resources to measure the impact of family engagement activities in our one-year action plan.
- I am aware of what other Ohio schools are doing to strengthen family-school-community engagement.







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# Resources to Support Your Work

**News and Guidance**



**Dyslexia Resource Guide for Ohio Families**

**Middle Years to Careers**




**#GrandUnderstandings**



**NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**Annual Leadership Summit**

THIRD ANNUAL

**Ohio Family Engagement — LEADERSHIP SUMMIT —**


Family Engagement that **BREAKS THROUGH**

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**Partnering with Families to Support Mental Health**

Research-based Strategies for Educators

Developed by the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center  
Patrick O. Cunningham, Brett Zymara, Meredith Weisman, and Barbara J. Boone



**Family Engagement Leaders of Ohio**



**Money Talks**



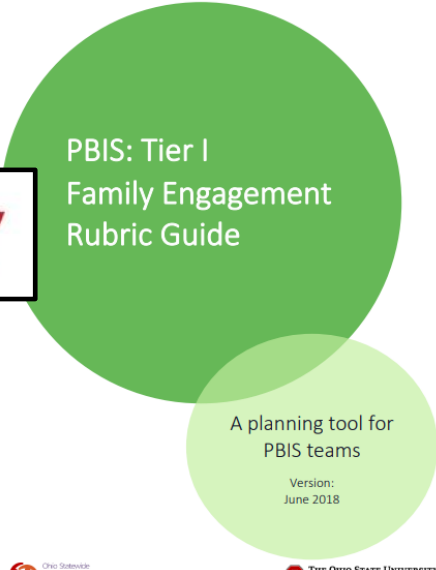
**Partnerships for Literacy**



**PBIS: Tier I Family Engagement Rubric Guide**

A planning tool for PBIS teams

Version: June 2018



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**MIDDLE GROUND**

**MULTI-TIERED STRATEGIC APPROACH to Family Engagement**



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**Build Trust with Families Through Attendance Lists**

Every school in Ohio needs to have a family voice. One such voice is the attendance list. This document provides a guide for how to use the attendance list to build trust with families. It includes a list of questions to ask families and a list of strategies to use with families.

**Communicating to Build Trust**

Communication is a key component of building trust with families. This document provides a guide for how to communicate with families. It includes a list of questions to ask families and a list of strategies to use with families.

Trust-building skills	Actions (What are you doing?)	Progress (What needs to be improved?)
Is the team collaborative, professional, and engaged?		
Is the focus visible to all stakeholders?		
Does the team have a shared vision?		
Is the message consistent, focused, and strategic?		
Is the shared mission, vision, and commitment?		

**The Role of Trust in Family Engagement**

Trust is a critical component of family engagement. This document provides a guide for how to build trust with families. It includes a list of questions to ask families and a list of strategies to use with families.

**Creating Great Meetings for Schools and Families**



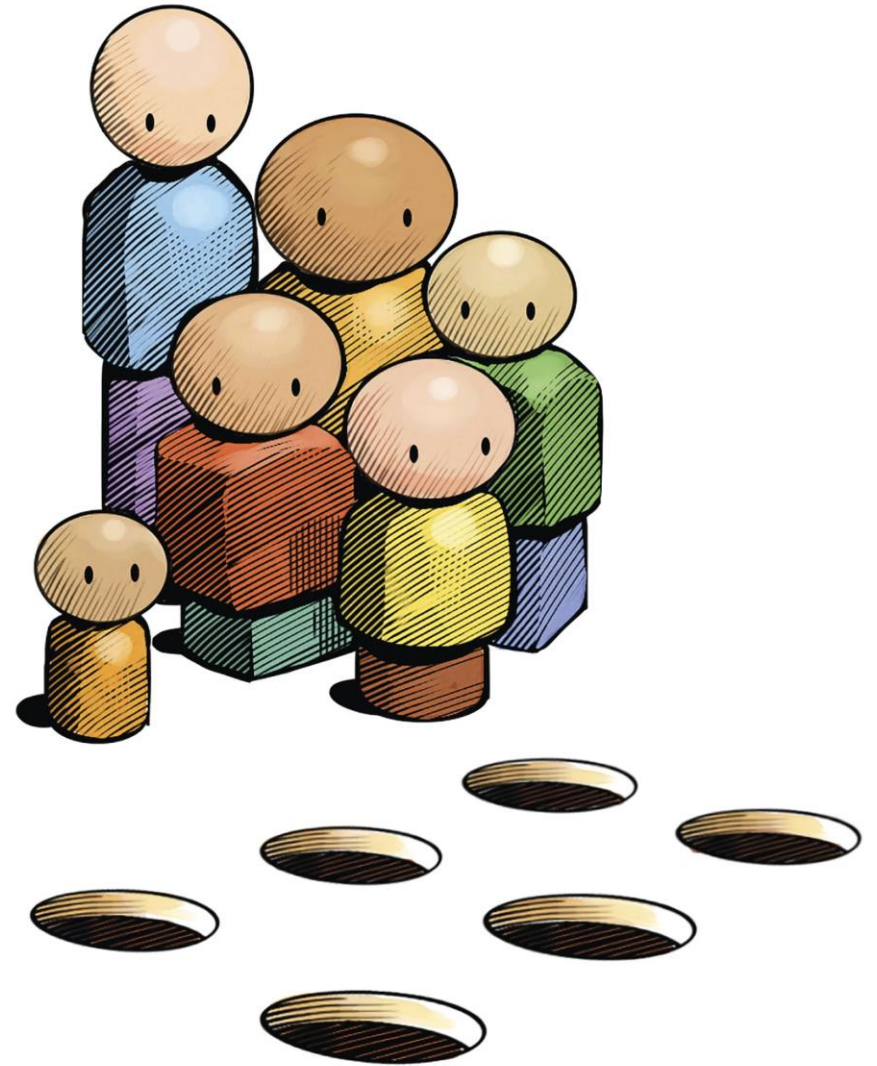
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# A one-size-fits-all approach is often not effective





██████████ Middle School  
 ██████████  
 Augusta, Georgia 30909  
 ██████████ Interim Principal



## Title I Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 Cafeteria

**ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS**

Please make plans to attend and participate in this very important meeting as we discuss and revisit the many aspects of Title I Parent Engagement for the 2022-2023 School year. Your presence and participation will be greatly appreciated.

*Topics of discussion will be as follows:*

Title I Program School-Parent Compact Budget/Funding Assessments Volunteer Opportunities School Improvement		Parents Right to Know Parent and Family Engagement Policy Building Capacity Curriculum School Goals
Light Refreshments	Raffle (Gift Cards)	LMS Band "Informance"

There will be representation from following PBIS, AVID, VILS, IB and Guidance, School Social Worker

Parents, we need you! You do not want to miss this opportunity to learn about and participate in the Title I Parent and Family Engagement program at your school!

For more information, contact the school office or your parent facilitator/designee:



██████████ Parent Facilitator  
 706-737-7301 ext. 2489



- ✓ One night
- ✓ In person
- ✓ At the school
- ✓ In English
- ✓ Acronyms
- ✓ How does this benefit students?

# ! ALERT ! PARENT MEETING!



ATTENDANCE IS  
MANDATORY  
AND  
SIGN IN IS REQUIRED.

**PARENT MEETING IS FOR ALL PARENTS WITH STUDENTS  
IN GRADES 5-12 THAT ATTEND JSCLA.  
MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SLCC IN THE BIG  
CAFETERIA, ON  
AUGUST 1, 2019 AT 5:30PM-6:30PM.**

# Re-Design Together



## Redesign for Family Engagement

Family engagement is not one-size-fits-all. Rather, with more choices, supports and flexibility, more families will be able to support their school-age child's learning at home.

Here are the **BIG universal design ideas** to consider:

1. Highlight the relevance for families. How will this be enjoyable? Interesting? Important for the child or family?
2. Present information and opportunities to families in different ways that address challenges.
3. Provide multiple ways that families can choose to be engaged in a way that fits their family.

Choose a current school strategy/activity for engaging families. Describe it.

Name of the activity: \_\_\_\_\_

When:

Where:

How:

Who:

What:

Questions:

1. What is the ideal goal of the activity for the student?
2. What is the ideal goal of the activity for the family?





# Evaluating Partnership Activities

- 3 New Handouts
  - Sample One Year Action Plans
  - Sample Survey Items tied to the Sample Plan
  - Sample Spreadsheet to track results of surveys and make graphs of the results
- Your School Plan
  - Volunteer to share an activity from your plan - we can help create 1-2 survey items together

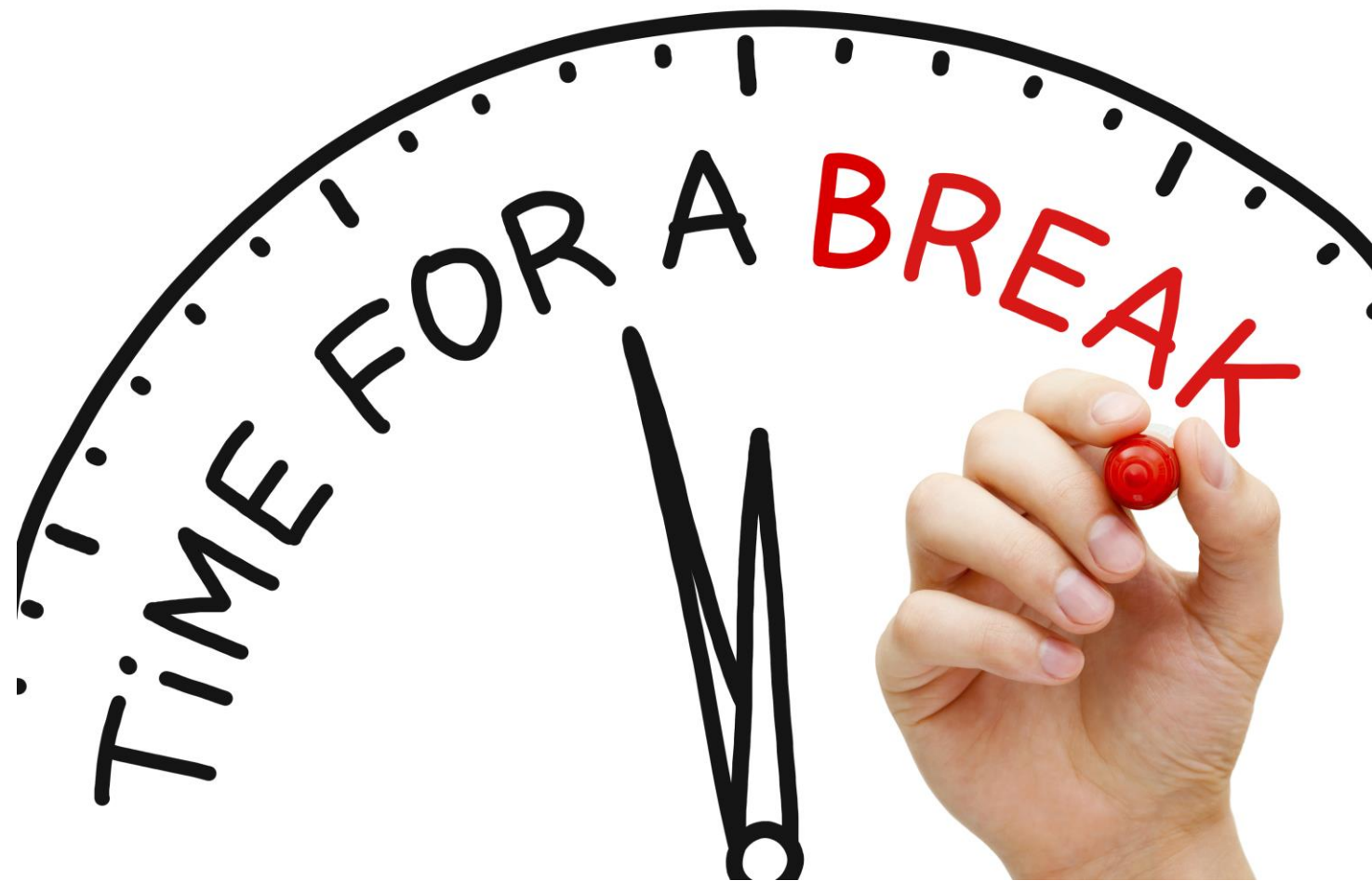


# As we sit together at the planning table...



- Remain grounded in student data –  
What data are we basing our work on?
- Do all team members have access to that data to review it?
- What ideas does each person bring?
  - Schedule time for thinking,  
Schedule time for sharing





# **Akron Public School District**

*Renee Kochis, Principal*

# **Licking Heights Local School District**

*Mitch Tom, District Leader*

# **Alliance City School District**

*Stephanie Garren, Principal*

# **Adams County Ohio Valley School District**

*Laura Applegate, Teacher and District Leader*





# Dr. Epstein's National Perspectives



# What's next?

Monthly: Colleague Connect on February 23, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 AM

- *Successful ways to engage “harder to reach” families at the secondary level.*
- *Meeting guidelines/examples to help keep your team focused and avoiding individuals’ agendas.*



# Please take our exit survey

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OHNNPSBoosterJan2022>



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**BUILDING STRONG**

*family, school and community*

**PARTNERSHIPS  
TO SUPPORT  
EACH STUDENT.**

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