



Mid Year Coaches Mtg. | January 2026



**Ohio Statewide
Family Engagement Center**



Ohio Network of Partnership Schools

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We support the development and academic achievement of children and youth by providing tools and learning opportunities to Ohio families and schools for building effective family-school partnerships.

What to Expect from Today



- Explore family engagement in high school settings
- Share highlights and problems of practice
- Design an Annual Family Engagement Cycle

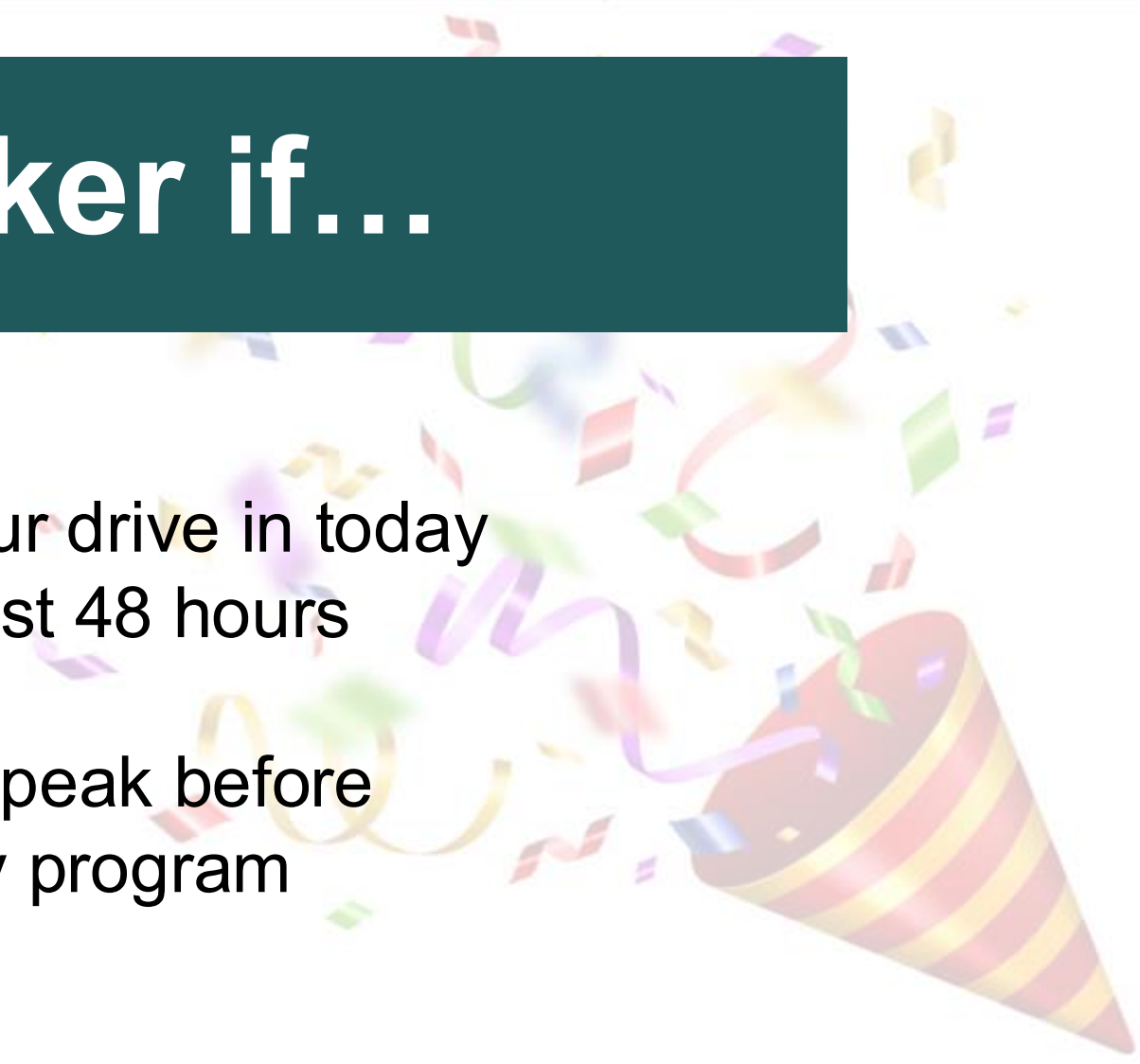
AGENDA

10:00-10:45	Welcome with Opening Activities
10:45-11:45	Presentation: Dr. Joyce Epstein
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Discussion: Miracle Question
1:15-1:50	Activity: School Year Cycle
1:50-2:00	Closing

OPTIMISIC OPENING

Use your noisemaker if...

- If you hit snooze this morning
- If you blasted music or sang on your drive in today
- If you've solved a problem in the last 48 hours
- If you emailed a school this week
- If you've heard Dr. Joyce Epstein speak before
- If you work with a dropout recovery program
- If you are excited to be here!



A high-angle, top-down photograph of a group of people in a meeting. Two men are standing and looking at a document held by one of them. They are surrounded by several seated people, whose heads and shoulders are visible. The setting appears to be a modern office or conference room with a wooden floor.

**Step in if you are
coaching a drop out
recovery program**

How is family engagement
happening here?

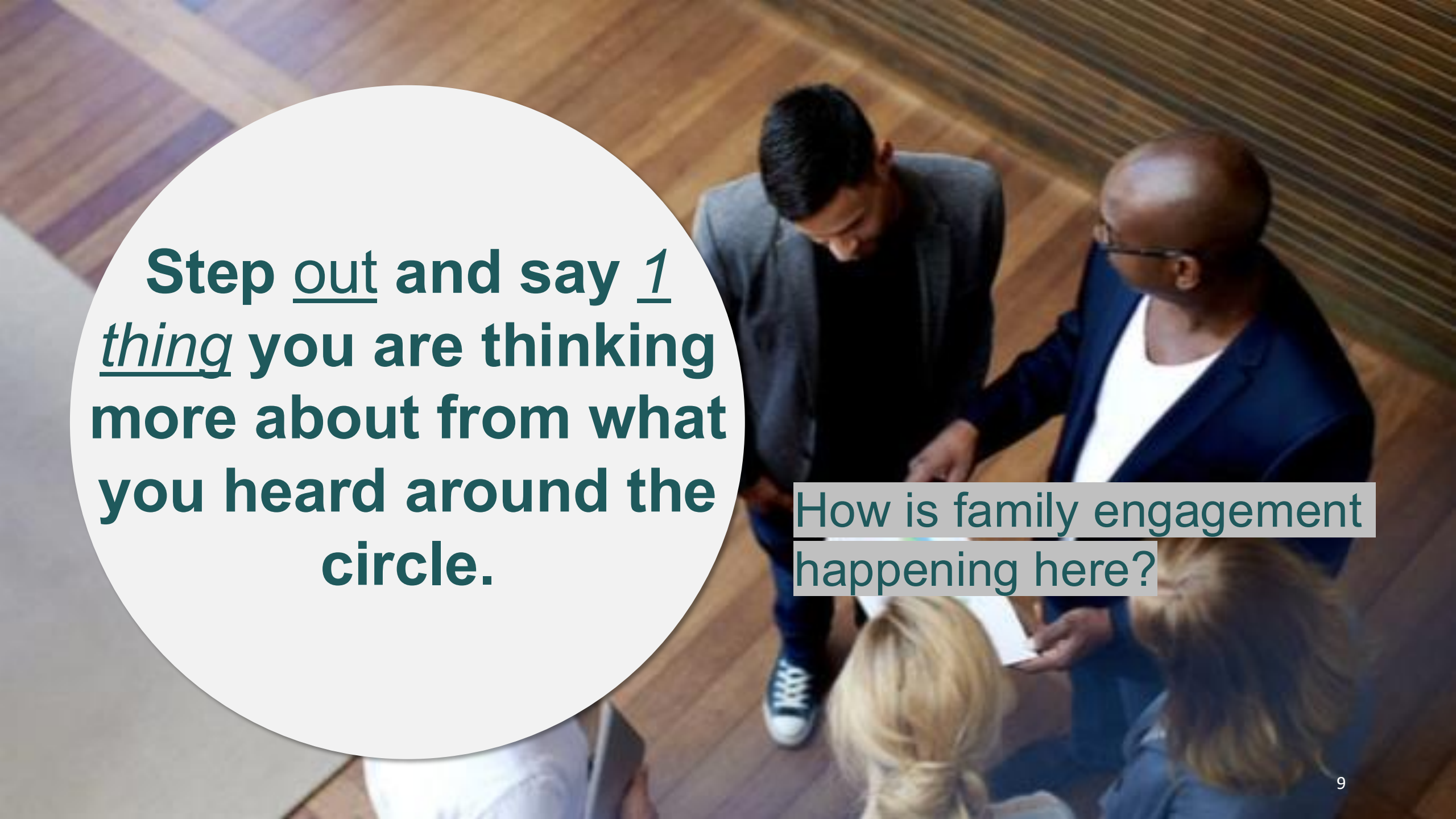
**Step in if you are
coaching a high
school**

How is family engagement
happening here?

A high-angle, top-down photograph of four people in a meeting. Two men stand at the top, looking down at a document held by one of them. Two women are seated at the bottom, also looking at the document. The floor is made of light-colored wooden planks. A large white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Step in if you are coaching a school with a One Plan

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**Step out and say 1
thing you are thinking
more about from what
you heard around the
circle.**

How is family engagement
happening here?

Featured Speaker



Joyce L. Epstein, PhD

Professor

Co-Director, Center on School,
Family, and Community

Partnerships

Co-Director, National Network
of Partnership Schools (NNPS)

Dishing Out **Our Favorite** Lunch Options:



Chop 5

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**1305 W. Lane Ave.
Columbus, OH 43221**

Yummy salads! - *Sarah*



1.6 miles away



brassica

<https://www.brassicas.com/>

**1442 W Lane Ave
Upper Arlington, OH 43221**

Good Mediterranean food, can
sometimes have challenging parking
- *Kristin*



1.4 miles away

DiBella's Subs

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<https://dibellas.com/>

**1539 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH 43212**

Their bread is amazing!
- *Whitney*



0.9 miles away



Miracle Question

Suppose tonight, while you're asleep, a miracle happens. The miracle is this: the school you have been coaching for months began implementing Dr. Epstein's recommendations. But because you were asleep, you don't know this miracle has happened. Tomorrow morning, when you walk into the school, what are the *first signs* families would notice that tell you this miracle happened? What would look or feel different? **What would feel different for families?**



With your partner:

1. What is one action a school can take to move closer to the miracle?
2. What existing strengths can we build on to make this happen?

Discuss as a large group.

**AUG-
SEPT**

- Modules open
- Encourage schools to join
- Coach districts
- Attend Colleague Connect
- Attend Leadership Summit

**OCT-
NOV**

- Coach districts
- Fall survey
- Funding plans due
- Advanced Learning Session
- Colleague Connect
- Coaching log due

**DEC-
FEB**

- Coach districts
- Mid-Year Coaches Meeting
- Advanced Learning Session
- Coaching log due

**MAR-
APR**

- Coach districts
- Spring survey

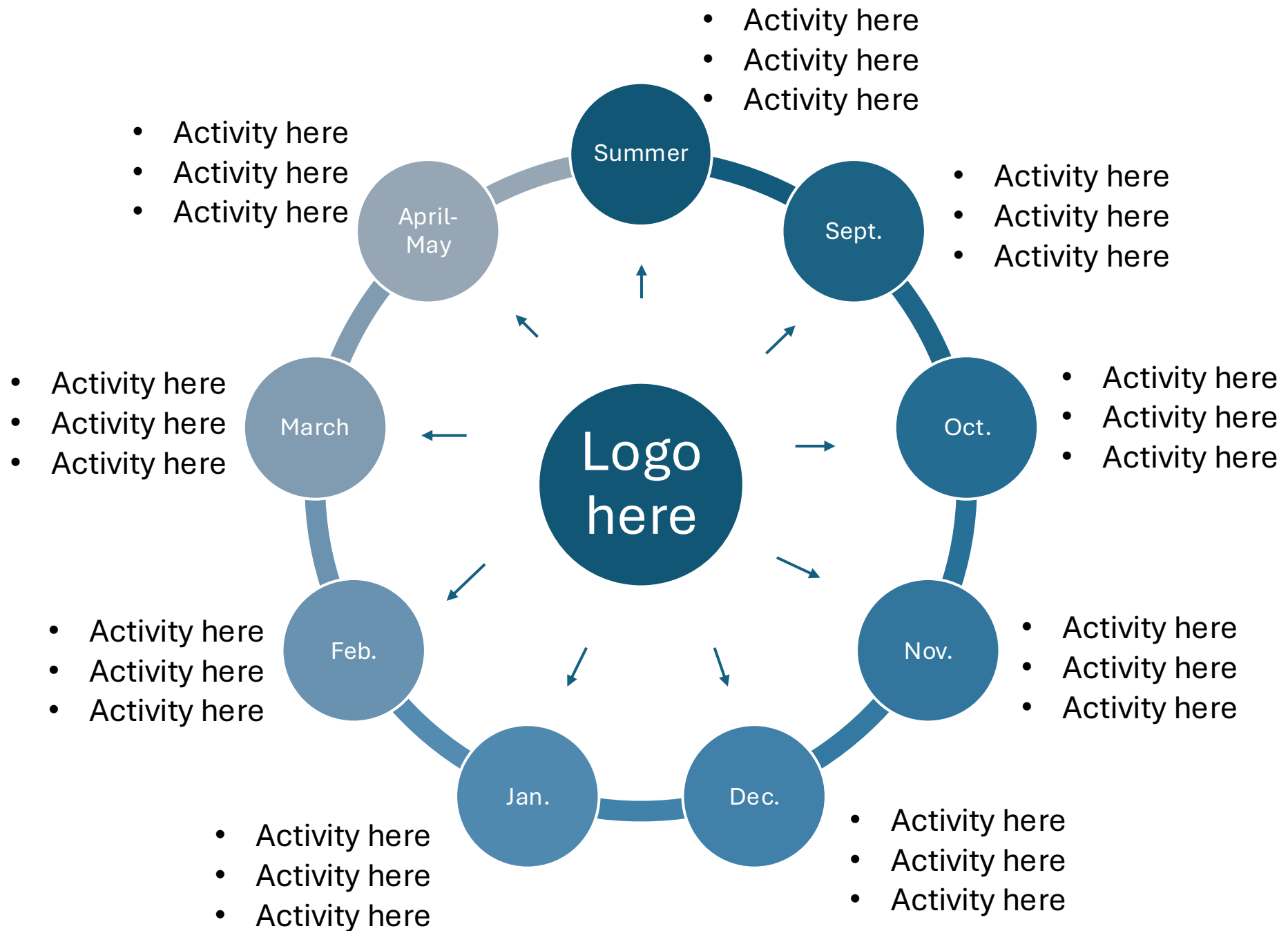
**MAY-
JULY**

- Coach districts
- Spring survey results
- Coaching log due
- Annual Recognition

*Year-Round
Coaching and
Additional
Opportunities*

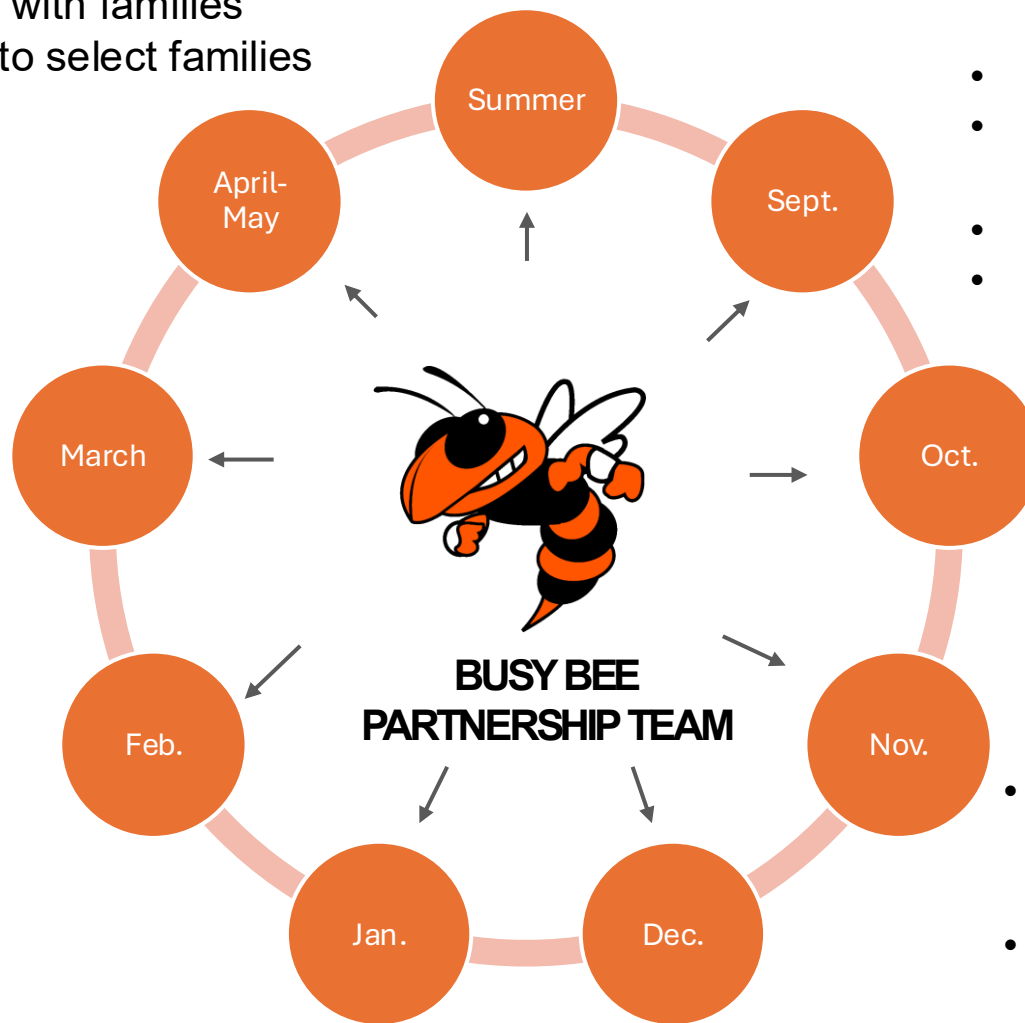
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- Review family survey data
- Write one year action plan
- STEM Learning showcase with families
- Send summer tutoring list to select families
- Graduation

- Review roster
- Attend professional development
- Host orientation for new families of all language backgrounds



- Complete annual survey from OSU
- Arrange college visits
- Father Fun Run!

- Recruit new team members
- Host first School Partnership Team meeting
- Remind team of action plan
- IEP check-ins with families

- Distribute survey on family needs and interests
- Host curriculum night and info session on graduation pathways
- Share fall assessment results

- Distribute family survey to inform future goals and action plan
- College and Career fair at the high school

- Celebrate Family Engagement Month with student-designed cards for their families
- Parent-teacher conferences

- Professional Learning Day on family engagement
- IEP check-ins with families

- Mid-year check-in on school goals
- Holiday benefit with families, school, and community

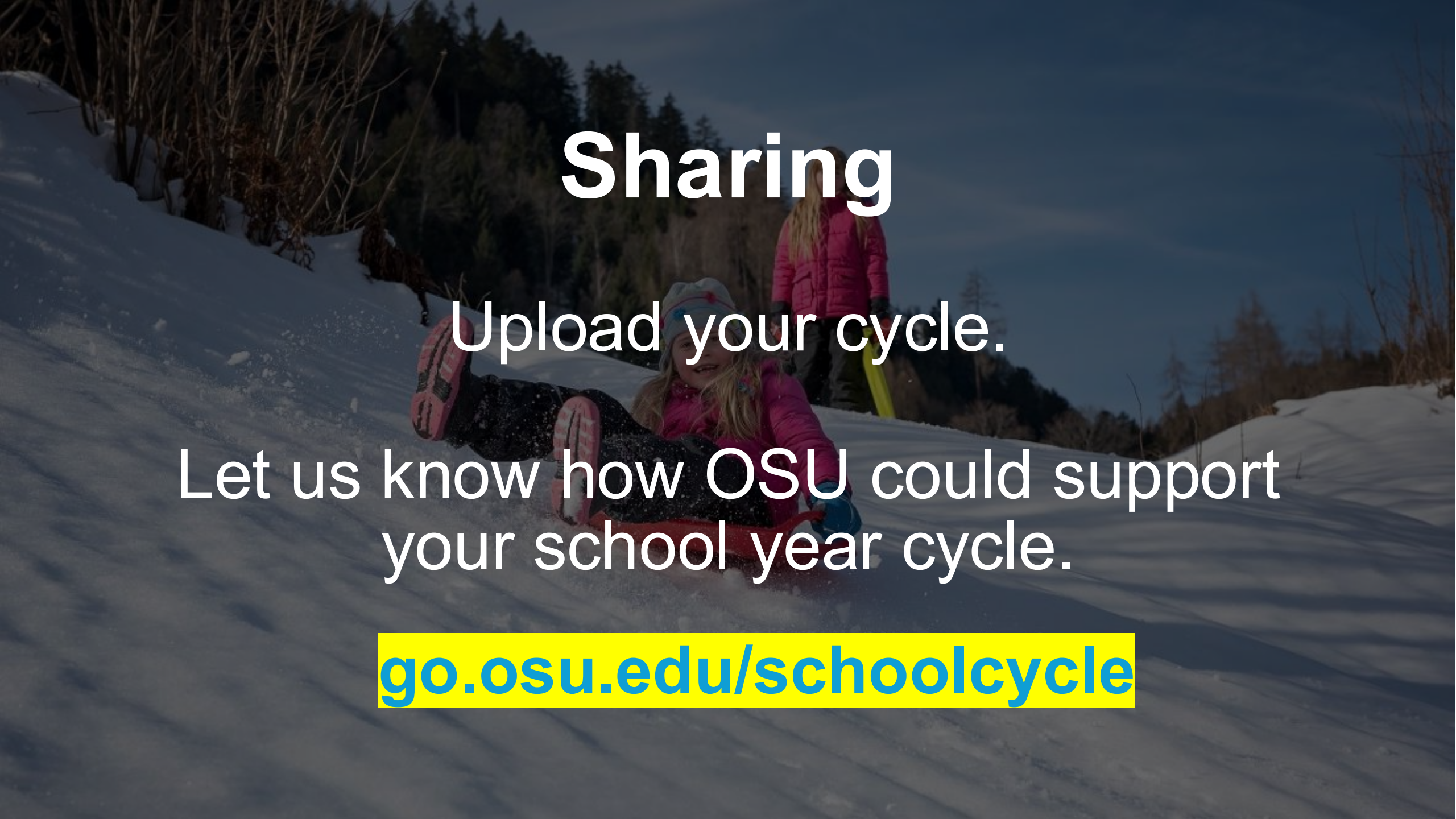


20:00

- 1. How would you introduce this tool to the schools you coach?**
- 2. What would a coaching conversation with this tool sound like?**
- 3. How would you know the coaching conversation and use of the tool were effective?**

A whimsical illustration of four snowmen standing in a snowy village. Each snowman is uniquely dressed with colorful knit hats, scarves, and stick arms. They are all smiling and looking towards the center. The background features snow-covered houses with warm lights glowing from the windows, and a gentle snowfall is visible in the air.

Large group discussion

A photograph of a snowy landscape with a child sledding down a hill. The child is wearing a pink jacket and a blue hat. Another child in a pink jacket is standing in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Sharing

Upload your cycle.

Let us know how OSU could support
your school year cycle.

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What's Next?



Dr. Steve Sheldon presents

Improving Attendance

February 19, 2026

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Online via Zoom

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

Family Engagement that Makes an Impact: Ohio Network of Partnership Schools

Friday, February 27, 2026

10:00-10:45 a.m. EST

Register at go.osu.edu/onps-webinar

This webinar will introduce you to results-based family engagement through Ohio's aligned National Network of Partnership Schools program. Move your school toward a focused coordinated strategy for family engagement aligned with student academic and whole child success.

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Specializing in Family Engagement Mini Seminars

APRIL 1-23, 2025

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Registration opens:

January 12, 2026

Last day to register:

March 18, 2026

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- Adolescent Development
- Student Mental Health
- Attendance

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SEMINAR

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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