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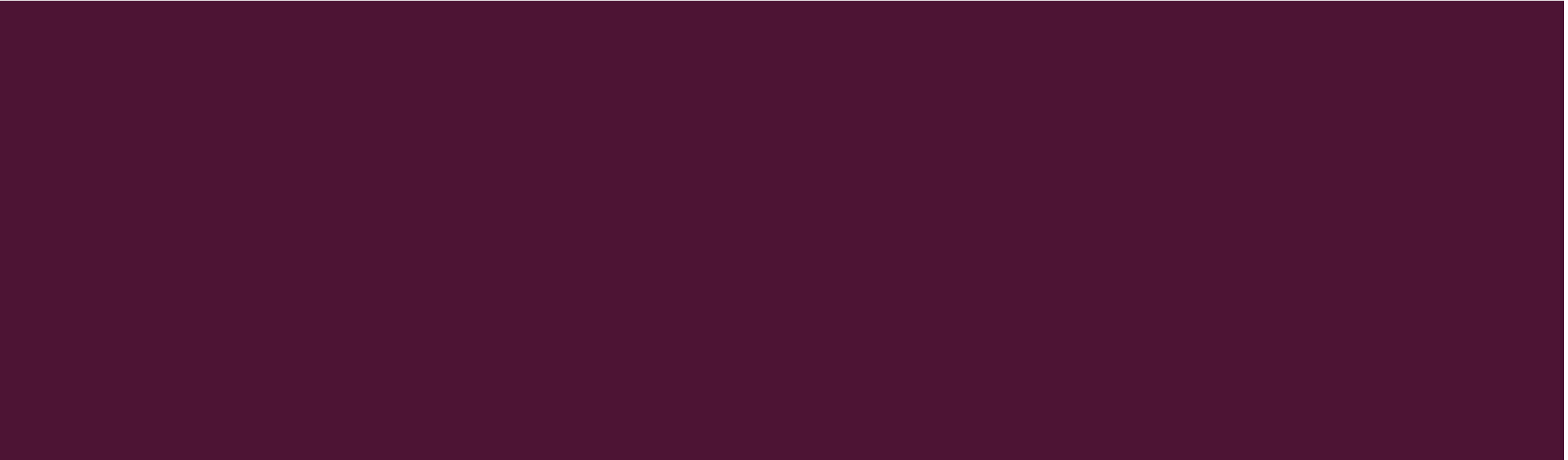
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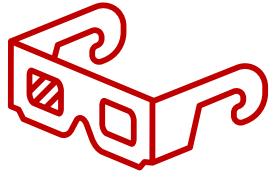
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# **Student-Led Conferences: Family Engagement with Students at the Center**



# Agenda

1. Icebreaking
2. Overview: Students in family-school partnerships
3. Research on Student-led parent-teacher conferences
4. Highlight: New Albany Middle School
5. Panel Discussion



# Breaking the Ice



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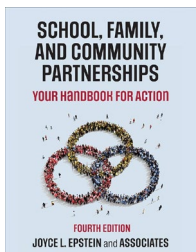
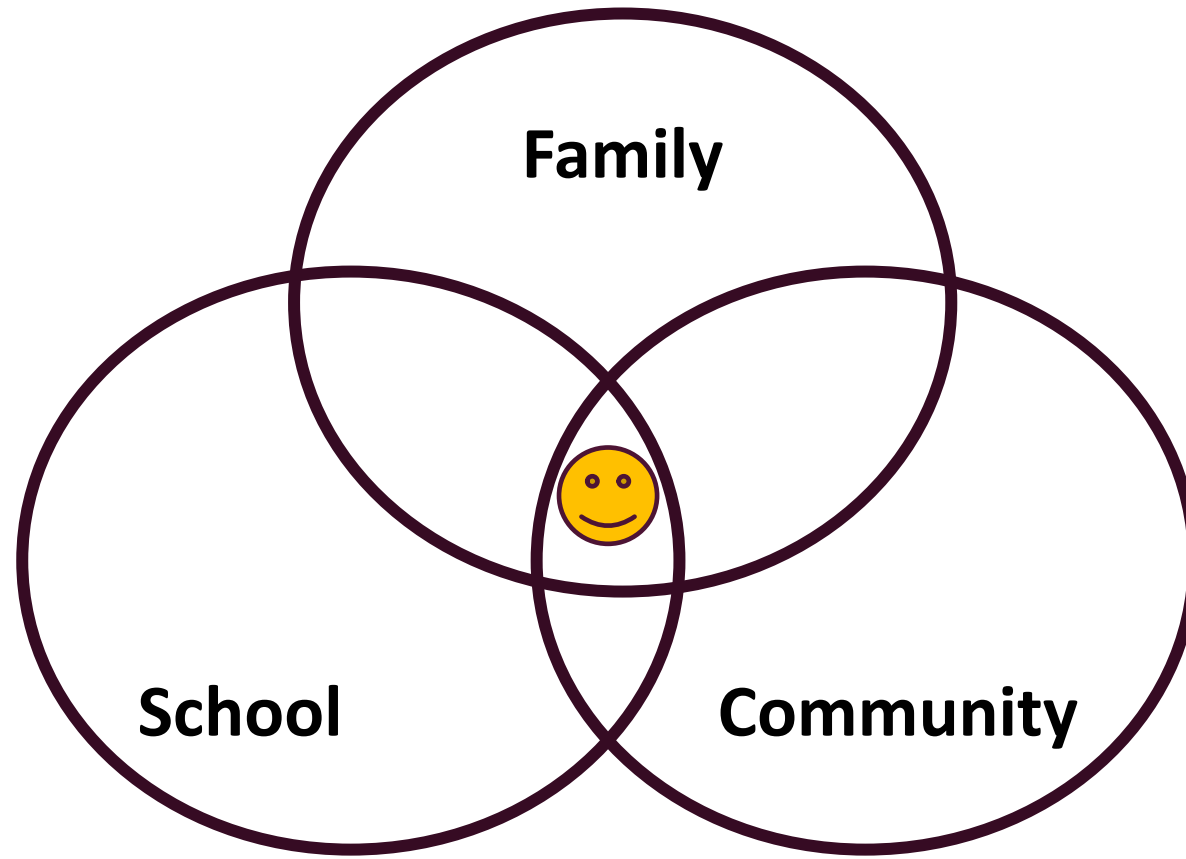
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# Today's Objectives

- ✓ I can describe a few reasons for engaging students in parent-teacher conferences.
- ✓ I can identify some professional and school practices to prepare for student-led conferences.
- ✓ I can identify some strategies to participate in a student-led conference effectively.

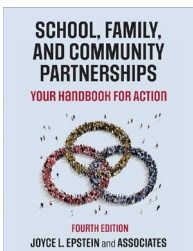
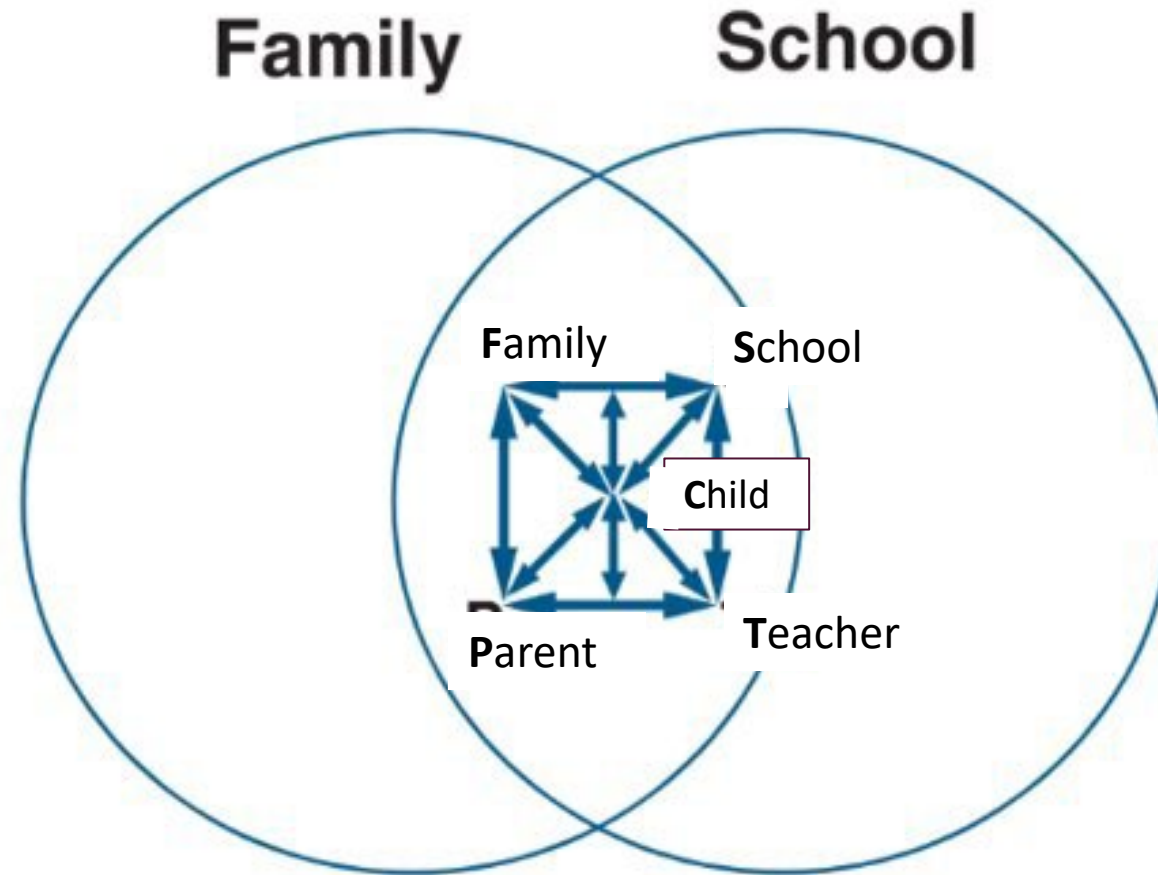


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# Waterfall Activity

- When you first heard about student-led parent-teacher conferences, what were your reactions?
- Waterfall responses in the chat
  - Type 1-2 brief sentences, but **don't** click "send";
  - Click "send" after you hear "3-2-1!"



# What has research found?

- **Students** believe they should participate in parent-teacher conferences (Connors & Epstein, 1994; Ramirez, 2002).
- **Parents and teachers** prefer student-led conferences (Tuinstra & Hiatt-Michael, 2004).
- **Student-led conferences** →
  - ✓ higher math and reading scores on state tests;
  - ✓ reduced disciplinary issues;
  - ✓ lower stress about parent-teacher conferences among teachers;
  - ✓ increased parent participation in the conferences;
  - ✓ improved self-confidence and focus among students.(Tuinstra & Hiatt-Michael, 2004)

# What has research found?

- **Student-led conferences →**
  - ✓ helped parents better understand children's performance
  - ✓ encouraged student-parent communication on schoolwork
  - ✓ pushed students to take ownership over and responsibility for their learning
  - ✓ increased students' academic performance
  - ✓ gave parents extra enjoyable time with their children.

Guyton and Felstein (1989)

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# TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

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- **(Insert teacher slides after this)**



# PANEL DISCUSSION

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