MEANINGFUL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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What does meaningful family engagement look like to you?

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ENGAGE EVERY FAMILY: FIVE SIMPLE PRINCIPLES
When does the engagement process begin?

Who is responsible for engagement?
Principle #1: A Culture That Engages Every Family

- Beliefs
- Values
- Assumptions
- Attitudes
- Actions
Principle #2: Communicate Effectively and Build Relationships

- 2-Way Communication
- Welcoming Environment
- Relationships Build Trust
- Checklist (Packet)
Principle #3: Empower Every Family

- Now that the relationships are built, teachers can help parents help their children with the ideas, skills, and strategies that are being studied at school. Again this is work done in each classroom.
Principle #4: Engage Every Family in Decision-Making

- Work is now expanded to the school (or district). Families are included on teams or committees that make policy.
Principle #5: Engage the Greater Community

- Now the work of getting people engaged expands to the businesses and organizations in the community that can help in all areas of a student’s education (health, character, career, etc.).
How Does Our Work Align?
Based on the discussion and brainstorming activities, perform a self-assessment of your program.
Action plan

- Review your self-assessment. Identify 3 goals to focus on.
- Walk around the room and write down 1-2 ideas from each of the Family Engagement Principle charts that you feel could be a possible strategy for helping to each your goal.