Family & Community Engagement

This month’s featured webinar (with slides) discusses the role of family and community engagement with educators to support students at home, during remote learning, and in school. The webinar notes that understanding the definition of families and communities is key beyond just parents) is key to creating successful partnerships.

A family is defined as “any adult in a child’s life who has the responsibility of developing the child socially, mentally, academically, etc. This includes parents and/or extended members of one’s family.”

A community is defined as “organizations, community groups, and businesses that value the importance of local schools achieving high student outcomes and are identified as relevant stakeholders.”

Engagement involves collaborative relationships based on trust, mutual respect and understanding, and sharing responsibility for student success.

Bi-directional communication (in whatever form is effective—traditional or non-traditional) and data-based problem-solving are central features of family engagement, the purpose of which is to support student learning.

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