

Parent Engagement Toolkit: Collaboration for Success

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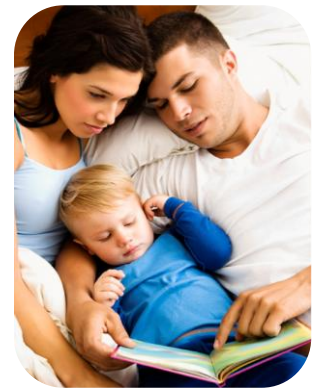


Purpose of the Toolkit

- ❑ Improve student academic achievement by providing school teams with research based strategies and resources for overcoming barriers to parent engagement in schools;
- ❑ Compile compelling meta-analysis and synthesis of research regarding the impact of parent engagement on student academic achievement;
- ❑ Provide parents with a practical tool that informs them of the school system, and incorporates strategies and resources conducive to children's cognitive/academic, social and emotional growth.



Rationale the Committee



Significant need across departments for increasing parent engagement and providing resources to parents and schools;

Enrich & supplement current resources (e.g. MDE website, Early Childhood & Special Education)



Committee Representation



- MDE:
 - *Office of Field Services*
 - *Office of Educational Improvement & Innovation*
 - *Office of Early Childhood & Family Services*
- Intermediate School Districts
- Universities
- Districts
- Parents



Vision Statement

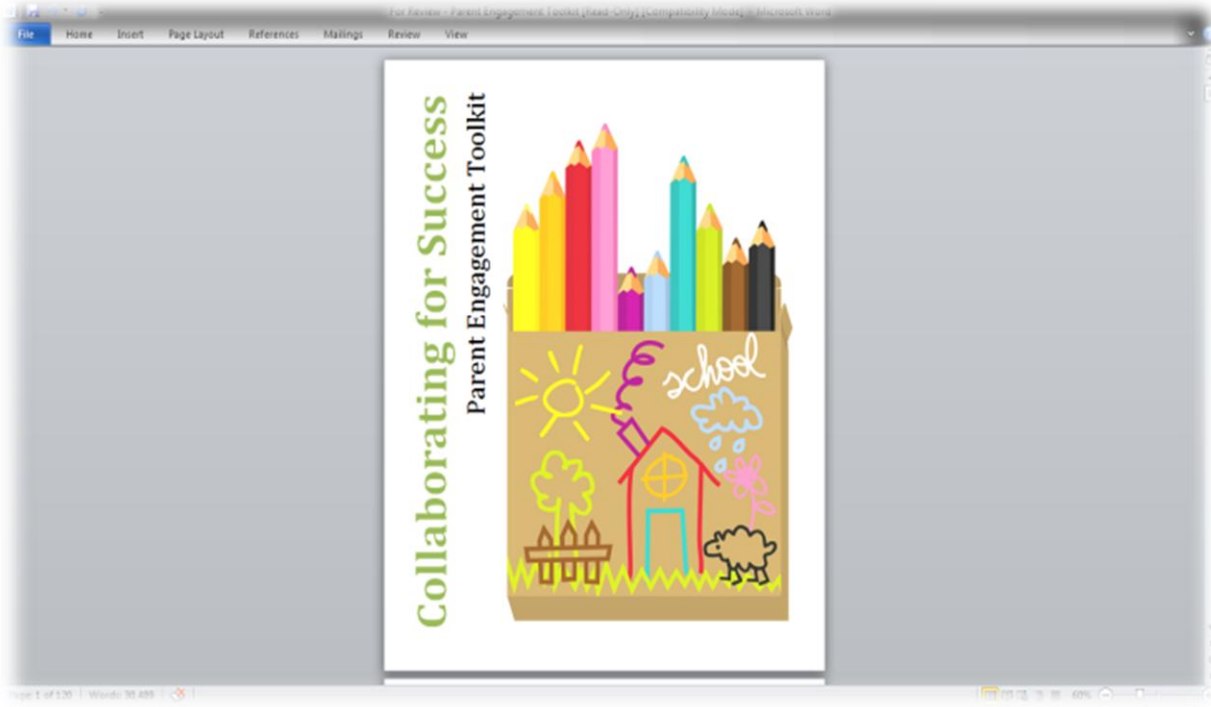


Engagement of all parents with Michigan schools is based on mutual respect, empowerment, and full partnership that increases the achievement and success of every child.



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Toolkit Components

Introduction

Welcoming statement, Vision, Definition, Purpose of the Toolkit, MDE Board Policy and MI State law.

Section 1. Why Parent Engagement is Important

- Provides synthesis of research delineating need benefits of engaging parents in schools & their children's education.

Section 2. Legal Requirements

- Includes an overview of NCLB/ESEA requirements regarding parent engagement, sample policies for parent plans as well as components of sound plans.



Toolkit Components (cont.)

Section 3. Resources For Parents

- Provides an easy to follow informational guide on MI's school system from pre-k to high school graduation.

Section 4. Resources For Schools & Districts

- Includes easy to follow guides, proven approaches for engaging parents, strategies for addressing barriers to parent engagement, and how to work with translators and interpreters.



Resources for Parents

Understanding Schools:

- How the School System Works (roles & Resp.)
- Advocating for your child
- Assessments/Accountability Systems
- Parent Teacher conferences
- Virtual Learning Opportunities
- Common Core/Career & College Ready
- Personal Curriculum
- Public School Academies
- Students with Special Needs



Resources for Parents, (cont'd)

Getting Involved

- What to Ask at Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Use of Technology
- Early Learning, Older children & High School
- Speaking at a School Board Meeting
- Applying to College
- Parent Engagement Plans
- MDE Spanish and Arabic Resources
- Other External Resources



Resources for Schools & Districts

- Developing/Enhancing Your Program
- Traditional and Non-Traditional Parent Participation
- Understanding Different Cultures
- Empowering Parents to be Engaged
- Strategies for Strong Parent Engagement
- Addressing Barriers to Parent Engagement
- The Role of Administrators
- Increasing Fathers' Engagement



Resources for Districts (cont.)

- Parent Engagement in Early Learning
- Parent Engagement in Elementary School
- Parent Engagement in Middle & High School
- Working with Immigrant and Migrant Families
- Increasing Fathers' Engagement
- Sample Policies and Parent Compacts
- Working with Translator & Interpreters
- External Resources for Educators & Other Staff



Implementation Plan



- Conduct an external review of the Toolkit
- Present to Ed. Serve, seek feedback and approval
- Prepare and post an electronic copy on MDE website and link to departments
- Prepare tag-lines/quotes and use in emails
- Roll out at Special Populations Conference



Discussion



Toolkit is at the following MDE website

- http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_30334_51051-262889--,00.html

