



# Parent Involvement Impacts Children's Learning and Achievement

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## Parent Involvement 101

Parent involvement is  
a national and  
an international requirement.



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## Parental Involvement and Public Policy

- Parent involvement is legislated.
- Policymakers understand the need to include parent involvement into laws to impact education reform.



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## Terminology

What is in a name?

Parental Involvement, “Doing to”

Parental Engagement, “Doing with”



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## Defining Parent Involvement

Your definition and understanding of parental involvement will determine your commitment and expectations of parents.



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## Research on Parent Involvement

Parent involvement positively impact student achievement outcomes.



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## Survey Objectives

**Who** is our audience?

**What** is our audience's parental involvement needs?

**Where** are parental involvement activities being implemented?

**Why** are parental involvement activities producing positive outcomes?

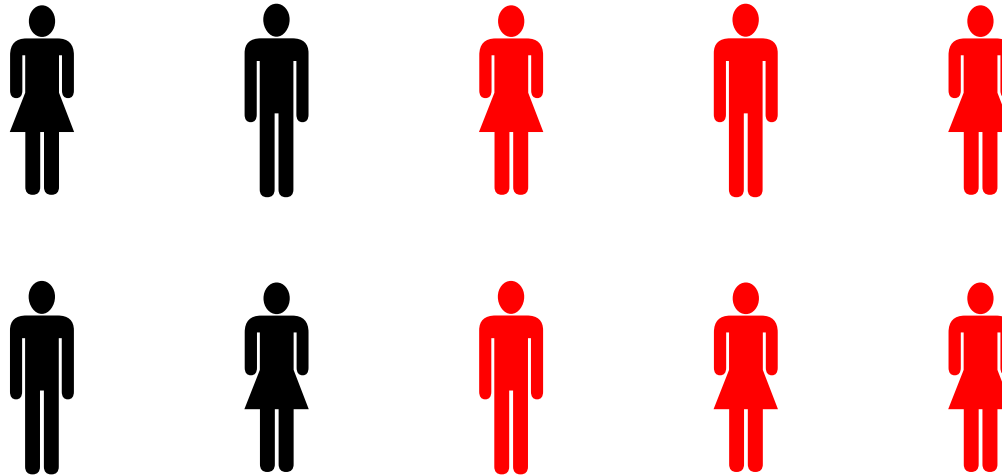


# Survey Methodology

- Program specific questions
- Demographic questions
- Closed ended questions
- Open ended questions

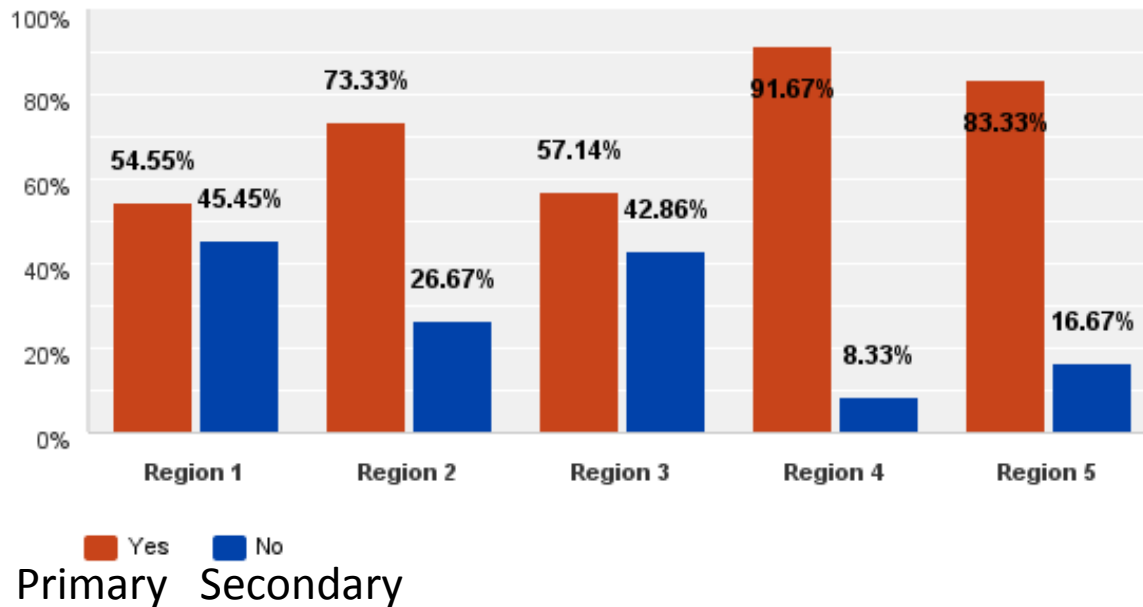


# Survey Results and Analysis



**60%** of liaisons responded to the Parental Involvement Survey.

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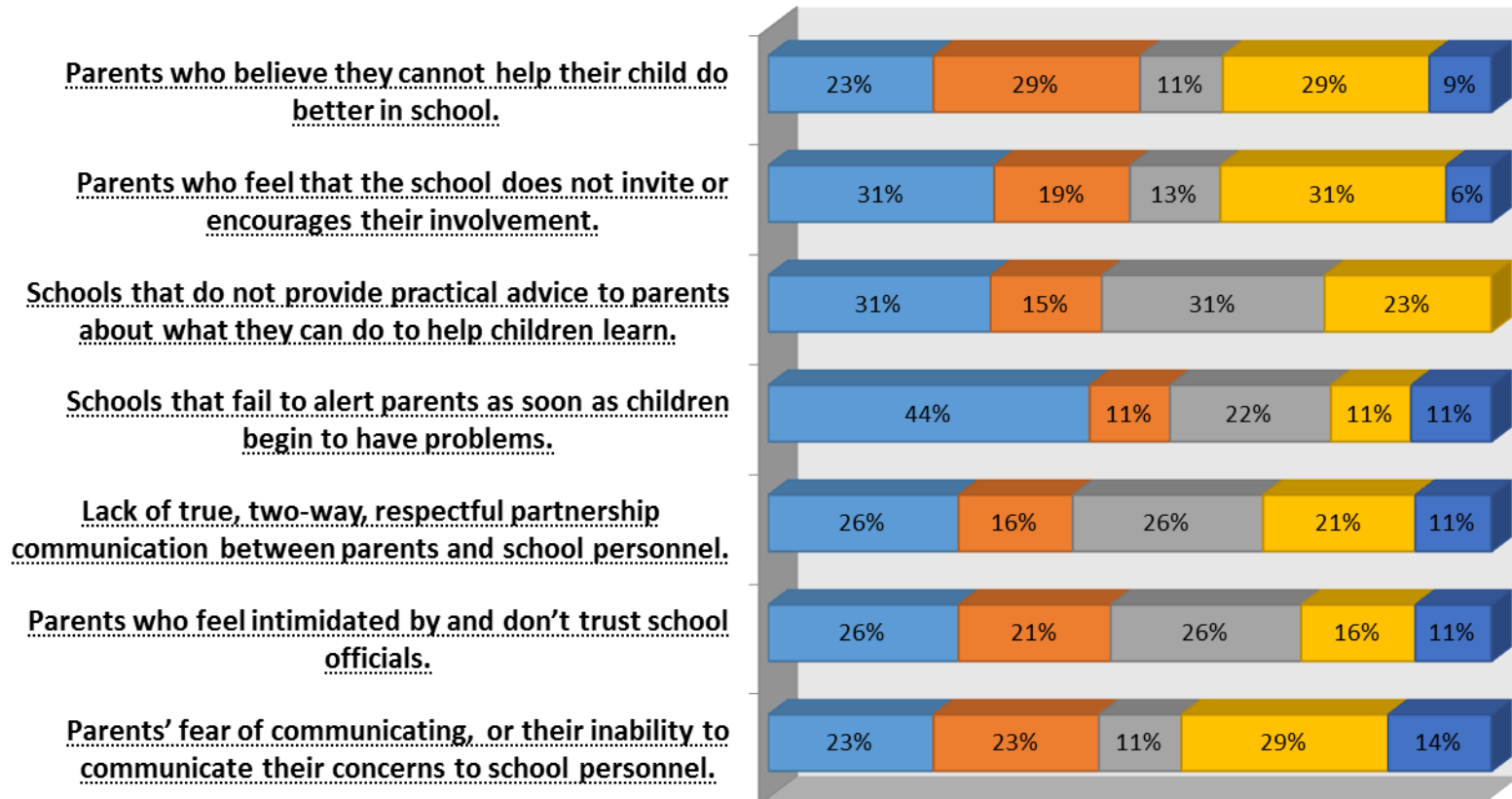


Primary and secondary liaisons were identified by region.

# Survey Results and Analysis

## Parental Involvement Barriers by Region

■ Region 1 ■ Region 2 ■ Region 3 ■ Region 4 ■ Region 5





# Recommendations

STRATEGIES	EXAMPLES	OBJECTIVE	POSITIVE OUTCOMES
<b>Themed Nights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Math Nights</li> <li>--Family Reading Nights</li> <li>--Family Stem Nights</li> <li>--Daddy Daughter Night</li> <li>--Family Movie Nights</li> <li>--Parent Conference Nights</li> <li>--Favorite Activity</li> <li>--Second Cup of Coffee*</li> </ul>	<p>--Themed Nights target parents and student needs/interests collectively to increase parental engagement.</p> <p>* Teachers and administrators can designate a time to share initiatives and plan events using a themed strategy as well.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Communication and interaction between families and schools increase.</li> <li>--Students excitement drove parents to attend event.</li> <li>--Connection between home, school and the learning process is strengthened.</li> </ul>
<b>Resource Centers</b>  <b>*Also known as Parental Information and Resources Centers (PIRCs).</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Parent Resource Centers</li> <li>--Parent Universities</li> <li>--Parent Advisory Councils</li> <li>--Parent Workshop</li> <li>--Parent Portals</li> </ul>	<p>--Resource Centers target parent's needs and interests to increase parental engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Resources and workshops for parents.</li> <li>--Parents have access to books to read with their children.</li> <li>--Parents have access to strategies that support student learning.</li> </ul>
<b>Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)</b>  <b>*This strategy is being piloted in certain districts and/or will be implemented in the near future.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Teachers hold three group meetings per year, meeting with all parents in their classroom.</li> <li>--Parents are provided with an overview of their child's performance.</li> <li>--Teacher then provides in-depth counseling to parents about student's data based on overall classroom performance.</li> <li>--Strategies are provided to parents to help support the student at home.</li> </ul>	<p>--Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) is a classroom-based, teacher-led, data driven family engagement model used to increase parental engagement and improve student performance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Schools and parents collectively review student grade level data.</li> <li>--After reviewing data, schools and parents set student's academic goals.</li> <li>--Schools and parents collectively develop activities for the student to practice at home to increase their performance.</li> <li>--Performance expectations are explicit and the parent has a better idea of the student's learning needs.</li> </ul>



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## Frameworks for Parental Involvement

Understanding the “WHY” of parental involvement helps LEA’s/schools develop more effective programs.



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## Unpacking Frameworks

- National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs (Six Standards)
- Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Involvement
- Head Start Parent, family and Community Engagement Framework
- Dual Capacity Building Framework for Family- School Partnerships<sup>14</sup>

## The Challenge

- Lack of opportunities for school/program staff to build the capacity for partnership

**Ineffective  
Family/School  
Partnerships**

- Lack of opportunities for families to build the capacity for partnership

## Conditions for Success

### **Organizational Conditions**

- Systemic: across the organization
- Integrated: embedded in all programs
- Sustained: with resources and infrastructure

### **Process Conditions**

- Linked to Learning
- Relational
- Developmental vs Service Orientation
- Collaborative
- Interactive

## Policy & Program Focus

To build and enhance the capacity of staff/families in the “4 C” areas:

- **Capabilities** (skills and knowledge)
- **Connections** (networks)
- **Cognition** (beliefs, values)
- **Confidence** (self-efficiency)

## Family and Staff Capacity Outcomes

School & Program Staff Who Can:

- Honor and Recognize Families’ Funds of Knowledge
- Connect Family Engagement to Student Learning
- Create a Welcoming Environment



Families Who Can Negotiate Multiple Roles:

Supporters

Advocates

Encouragers

Decision Makers

Monitors

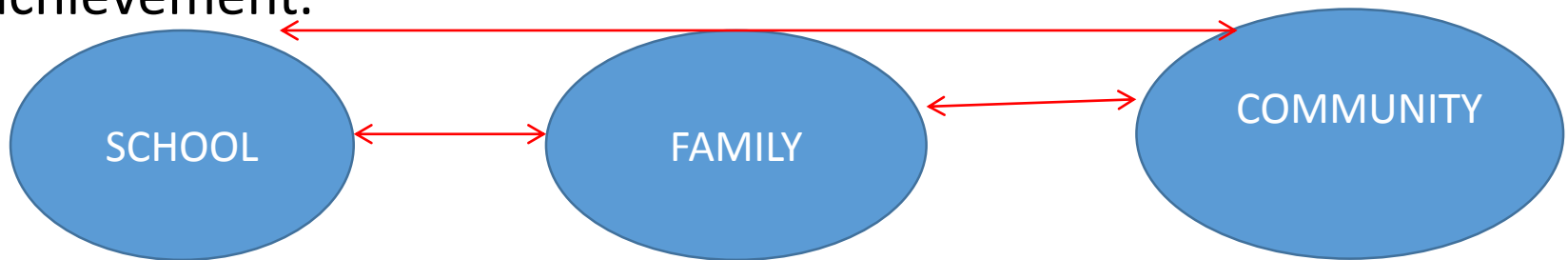
Collaborators





## Dual Capacity Building Framework for Family- School Partnerships

The focus is on building relationships to facilitate students' achievement.





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# Understanding The Challenge

Parent Survey

Parent and Community Invitation



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# Resources

## **Dual Capacity Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships**

<http://www2.ed.gov/documents/family-community/partners-education.pdf>

## **Parent Involvement: Nine Truths You Must Know Now**

<http://www.esc16.net/users/0020/docs/NineTruths.pdf>

## **Parental Involvement Video - Each One Reach One**

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Parent+Involvement+Workshops&FORM=RESTAB#view=detail&mid=A56E8A1EE394097D8F20A56E8A1EE394097D8F20>



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