



# District Progress on Family Engagement

Superintendent's Report

January 2017



Family, Youth and  
Community Engagement

MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Agenda

- Reminder of our Guiding Principles and Dual Capacity Framework
- Key Actions in Family Partnership this year
- Evidence of our Progress – Early Successes
- Lessons from Van Hise Elementary & FYCE Coordinator (Parent Academy)
- Challenges, lessons learned and Next Steps



# Our Guiding Principles

- **Dual Capacity Framework** to build skills, competency, confidence and the conditions within schools and families to partner
- **Four core beliefs** about families
- **Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices** are needed for effective engagement of students and families
- Family Engagement requires a strong commitment to **equity**



# Key Actions for Schools

- 1) Schools use the **FACE Self-Assessment** to determine the standards they should focus on this year
- 2) Schools name 1 person on their SBLT as **FACE Liaison**
- 3) Each school has a **FACE Action Team** that is made of *at least 1 parent* and core staff who will work on SIP goals for Family & Community Engagement

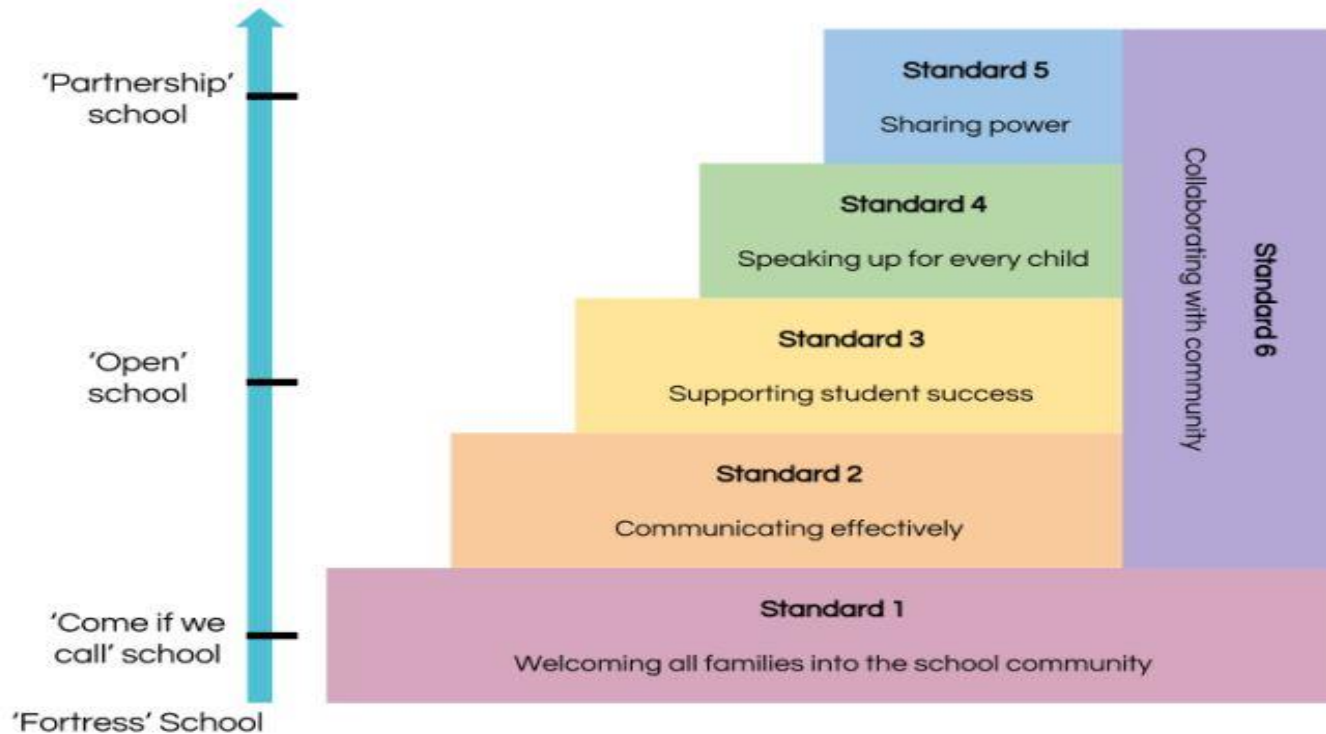


# Building a Strong Foundation



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## Family Engagement Self-Assessment Guidance



# Maximize “Touchpoints”

Existing Touch-Points	Deepen
School Events	Incorporate Link to Learning
Parent Teacher Conferences	Incorporate two-way communication / outreach to families
PTO/PTA and Parent Groups	Welcome Walk-Thru, FACE Action Team



# School Capacity Building

- Monthly Professional Learning
- FACE Toolkit and resources
- Problem solve common barriers for outreach to diverse families
- Focus on SIP strategies and next steps



- Networking with each other

# Successes in Schools

- **Parent surveys** for 2-way feed back
- **Welcome Back Days** at schools
- Staff expectations for **outreach to families**
- **Madison Parent Teacher Teams / Academic Success nights** – strengthening the Link to Learning
- Strong **FACE Action Teams**
- **Community Schools**





# Family Partnership in Schools

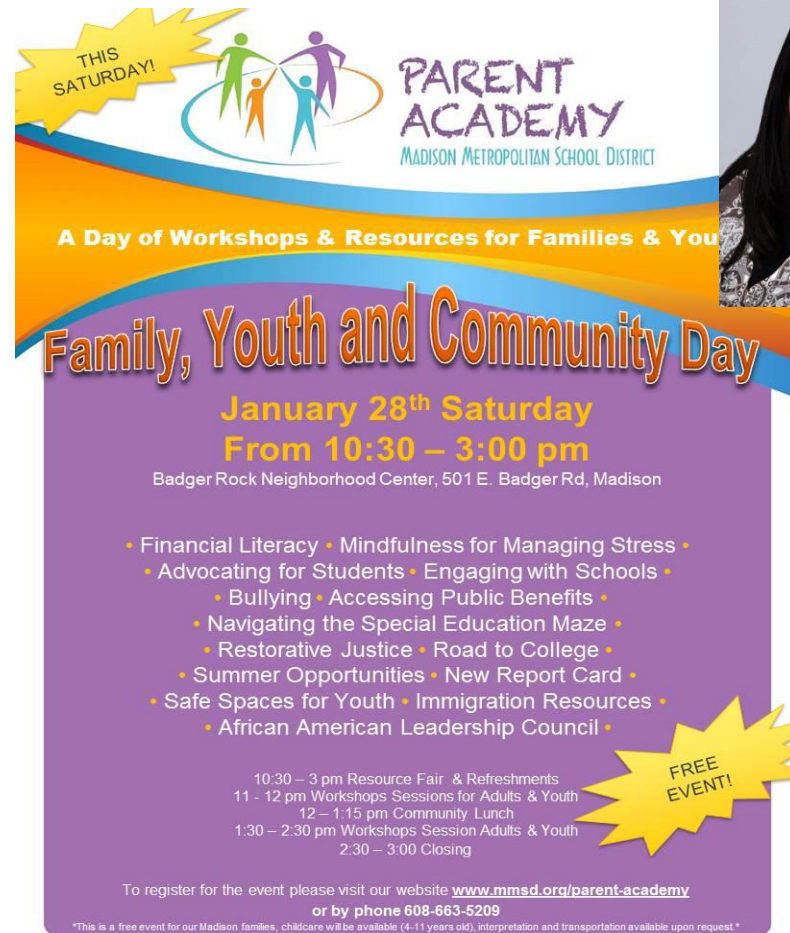


- Madison Parent Teacher Teams / Academic Success Nights
- FACE Action Team



# Family Capacity Building

- Parent Academy sessions at schools
- MALDEF Parent School Partnership Training
- Multi-lingual Parent Night
- Family, Youth & Community Day



THIS SATURDAY!

PARENT ACADEMY  
MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Day of Workshops & Resources for Families & Youth

## Family, Youth and Community Day

January 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
From 10:30 – 3:00 pm  
Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, 501 E. Badger Rd, Madison

- Financial Literacy • Mindfulness for Managing Stress •
- Advocating for Students • Engaging with Schools •
  - Bullying • Accessing Public Benefits •
  - Navigating the Special Education Maze •
  - Restorative Justice • Road to College •
  - Summer Opportunities • New Report Card •
- Safe Spaces for Youth • Immigration Resources •
- African American Leadership Council •

10:30 – 3 pm Resource Fair & Refreshments  
11 - 12 pm Workshops Sessions for Adults & Youth  
12 – 1:15 pm Community Lunch  
1:30 – 2:30 pm Workshops Session Adults & Youth  
2:30 – 3:00 Closing

FREE EVENT!

To register for the event please visit our website [www.mmsd.org/parent-academy](http://www.mmsd.org/parent-academy)  
or by phone 608-663-5209

\*This is a free event for our Madison families, childcare will be available (4-11 years old), interpretation and transportation available upon request.\*



# Common Challenges in Schools

- Limited opportunities to **hear from our more marginalized families**
- Increased **attendance from diverse families** at school events
- **Scheduling** for FACE Action teams to meet
- **Limited time for PD** in school on Family Partnership
- **Funds for outreach to diverse parents** (translation, transportation)



# Lessons Learned

- Many schools still need to redefine family engagement beyond “**one definition**”
- Many schools need **more resources** to help remove barriers for participation for families
- Exploring **best ways as a District to offer opportunities for families** to build their capacity
- Some schools are having to deal with **difficult conversations about equity and inclusion** with families



# Next Steps

- **District-wide parent “satisfaction” survey** to Elementary Families and LaFollette High School for Spring Conferences
- Continue to **learn from schools** doing MPTT / Academic Success Nights & Parent School Partnership program
- Give clearer **guidance for School Improvement Plans** for next year & add new resources to Toolkit
- Continue to **build on Parent Academy**





# QUESTIONS / COMMENTS