



# PLAY A ROLE

IN YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL.  
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## Top 10 Ways Communities can GET INVOLVED! in Parent Engagement Month

Each year the state of Georgia recognizes the month of November as Parent Engagement Month. Parent engagement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents, schools, and **communities** with the goal of educating the whole child to ensure student achievement and success. A community is inclusive of any entity that shares a common interest in education. Communities should recognize that an investment in education is an investment in the community and they should work with schools to form a network that strengthens families and supports student success. As leaders in local government, you have the ability to play a pivotal role in supporting student success. Take some time this November to **GET INVOLVED!** *Some ways communities can help may be to...*

- 1. Write a local Parent Engagement Month proclamation** and dedicate time at city council or county commission board meetings to discuss its importance.
- 2. Hold a Family and Community Engagement walk** that involves community partners, local political leaders, school personnel, and families in support of Parent Engagement Month. End the walk with an education block party or other celebration.
- 3. Encourage volunteering at schools** by providing incentives to local businesses, government agencies, and community organizations that allow employees or teams of employees to give a few hours of their time. Emphasize the win-win outcome in team building and student achievement.
- 4. Present an honorary award** to a local government official, local community leader, or parent advocate recognizing their level of involvement in enhancing parent engagement in education through community activism.
- 5. Conduct an interview** with the local newspaper or radio station to highlight the importance of Parent Engagement Month. Speak to the important role the community plays in partnering with schools.
- 6. Create a Parent Engagement Month public relations campaign** that rallies everyone in the community to play a role in all students' success in school. Encourage the display of signage throughout the community in faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, government agencies, and school buildings. Create a Parent Engagement Month flyer unique to your community.
- 7. Partner with schools or the school district** in Parent Engagement Month activities they already have planned and/or make suggestions about innovative events you could do collaboratively.
- 8. Develop a Parent Engagement Pledge** that focuses on family, school, and community partnerships to benefit student success and hold a drive to secure family and community commitment to the pledge.
- 9. Design a Parent Engagement Month banner** and display it proudly in the center of your community.
- 10. Start a community mentoring program** that not only mentors students at risk of not graduating, but also builds relationships with their families to support the entire family unit.

