Family Engagement and Outreach

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Offering a holistic education to each and every child in our state.

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Parent Mentor Partnership Grant Application

- The application is due no later than April 30th at 5 PM.
- The application can be found on the GADOE <u>Competitive</u> <u>Grant Opportunities</u> webpage.





IDEA Parent Survey

https://survey.gadoe.org/SPEDParentSurvey/Pages/Parent Survey.aspx

Survey collection closes May 31, 2024



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Increase the percentage of parents of children receiving special education services who report that <u>schools</u> encouraged parent involvement to improve results for students with disabilities.

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Parent Survey Dashboard

- Demographic data
 - Redacted from the download data to avoid PII
- School level data
 - Participation by school
 - Updated daily
 - By Question Strongly agree to strongly disagree
- Real time data can help answer these questions:
 - What schools had/have high participation? Why?
 - What schools had/have parents who report that schools encourage their involvement?
 - Where is work needed? Examine responses question by question



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Additional Data

In addition to an overall LEA percentage, LEAs receive

- responses by disability area
- responses by race/ethnicity
- responses by grade band
- an item ranking highest to lowest ranked items

The school level data is highly beneficial for responding to parent concerns and impacting future results



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Address Participation and Representativeness

Georgia offers all eligible families the opportunity to participate in the survey; surveys are not distributed to select families

Tips to increase overall participation:

- Share the results during the open survey period (real-time) and the final results of the survey with district and school leaders and teachers, enlisting their support
- Publicize the survey newsletters, emails, website, flyer with QR code
- Provide technology at IEP Team meetings, conferences, events
 Analyze real time data throughout the survey period to address representativeness





Use Parent Survey Data

More than Federal Reporting!

- The useful data:
 - School level
 - Share with school leaders
 - Share with teachers
 - Question by question analysis is possible
 - Target efforts to schools and specific areas of need
- The ultimate objective:
 - Know and understand where and why families believe they are considered to be a true partner in improving outcomes for their child(ren)
 - Address the issues at the schools where families do not believe they are considered to be a partner

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