

# ***Family and Community Engagement System***

## ***Migrant Education Program State Parent Advisory Council (PAC)***

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### ***How could the school district improve so that parents and the community feel welcomed when they visit our schools?***

- Demonstrating a friendly attitude and disposition.
- Providing a guide to accompany those visiting the school.
- Having more presenters/guest speakers at MEP meetings; for example, youth who have benefitted from the program.
- Providing interpreters to facilitate communication.

### ***How could the school district improve its communication with parents and the community?***

- By continuing to send written notes home with students.
- By continuing to send text messages to parents.
- By making sure to send information on important meeting dates in a timely manner and through a variety of methods. For example, via phone call, text messages, and bilingual flyers; and ensuring that students and teachers deliver the information to parents.
- Asking parents to update their phone numbers.

### ***How could the school district support student success?***

- Providing incentives such as vouchers from different sponsors.
- Providing skilled mentors that can provide appropriate and timely information and to continue supporting student success.
- Providing scholarship information.
- Focusing on those students who need the most help.
- Motivating them with additional recreational activities.
- Providing them with opportunities to hear success stories from other youth.
- Recognizing them for their work and effort.
- Encouraging students to take advantage of their ability to speak and express themselves in two languages.

### ***How could the school district better support parents?***

- With school supplies and supporting them in learning English.
- Providing more summer program opportunities and after-school support.
- With better educational programs, transportation and nutritional support, and scholarships.
- Utilizing technology to contact parents about upcoming meetings.
- Providing information about low-cost internet-based programs.
- Identifying families who need the most academic support.
- Providing available academic resources, such as textbooks, programs, tutorials on obtaining access to information on the internet and personal help, when needed.

**How could the school district better share its leadership and decisions with parents and the community?**

- Via email, text messages, letters, and by sending notifications with students.
- Via phone call.
- Holding meetings with the sole purpose of informing parents and the community. Hosting informational sessions.
- Sharing ideas that are discussed in meetings with the community and, thus, helping each other out.

**How could the school district better collaborate with the community?**

- Identifying needs within the community. For example, preschool classes, health, vision and dental needs, and medical services.
- Inviting guest speakers to talk about specific topics.
- Providing translation assistance to facilitate communication.
- Implementing and promoting community activities for parents and kids.
- Hosting a variety of activities, such as health fairs, cooking classes, and arts and crafts.
- Implementing more community service opportunities where everyone is involved.
- Focusing on supporting low-income families and assisting with technology.

*The Migrant Education Program Parent Advisory Council (PAC) suggested ideas to strengthen the migrant parent participation in school functions and/or activities.*

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