Changing Perspectives

The following statements capture common perspectives that represent possible sentiments and barriers that might be expressed towards the notion of learning about family engagement. In groups of 2-4 with the people near you, read and discuss the following statements. As a group, think of appropriate responses to possibly help change this obstructing perspective.

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1. "I teach _____. I'm not a parent liaison."

   Response: _____

2. "I don't have time to teach parents too."

   Response: _____

3. "Family engagement is just a fad. It will blow over soon enough."

   Response: _____

4. "There is no way that more parents attending events will make a difference in our school."

   Response: _____

5. "Parental involvement is a waste of time and resources."

   Response: _____

6. "Parent engagement is too complicated."

   Response: _____

7. "It doesn't matter what we do. Parents don't come."

   Response: _____

8. "Parents don't care"

   Response: _____

What are some additional common perspectives about family engagement?