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PIC Café

Today we will experience what it is like to participate in a facilitated discussion by using the Parent Café model. This activity will allow us to experience, firsthand, the process and ask questions, connect ideas and gather meaningful input. Enjoy!

Café Etiquette

Focus on what matters

Contribute your thoughts

Speak your mind

Listen to understand

Link and connect ideas

Listen together for insights and deeper questions

Playing, doodling and drawing is encouraged

Have fun!

Today we will have three rounds of conversations. Your Table Host will ask a question for the table conversations. After a few minutes, time will be called and you will be asked to travel to a new table with new people. Use the color numbers on your folder to determine where to sit for each round. After three rounds, you will be asked to return to your home table.

Round One

Home Table

What does strong family engagement look like to you?

How do you promote the importance of family engagement in your school?

Round Two

New Table

Table Host: Welcome guests to the table!

Share one insight from the home table.

Ask if that was something similar for the new guests at your table.

Now a new question

Who is responsible for family engagement in our schools?

How do you increase the capabilities and confidence of your school and staff to improve family engagement?

Round Three

New Table

Table Host: Welcome guests to the table!

Share one challenge discussed from the previous guests.

Now a new question

How do you provide parents with opportunities and resources to support academic achievement?

What are some specific examples of how families can support learning at home?

Home Table

Return to your Home Table

Share and record your ideas on the poster paper.

Use the markers and sticky notes.

Post the poster on the wall.

Take a gallery walk**.**

As a group, what have we learned from each other?