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Policy and Responsibility

SUBJECT: PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The Board recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family, and that students will achieve and maintain a higher level of performance when this cooperation is encouraged.

To this end the Board supports the development, implementation and evaluation of a parent/family involvement program in each school.

These programs will include, but not be limited to the following components:

- I. Promote responsible parenting by:
 - parents providing a home environment that values education;
 - parents sending children to school prepared to learn;
 - schools providing information (community resources) and training that will assist parents to help improve and support the academic success of their children;
 - schools reminding parents of the direct effect parental involvement has on the educational success of their student.

- II. Schools establish consistent and effective communication between parents of students and the teachers and administrators of the respective schools through:
 - regular newsletters;
 - parent/teacher conferences;
 - other conferences when needed or requested;
 - SEP/SEOP's;
 - communication of translation services available to assist non-English speaking parents;
 - notification of students at risk of failing (see Board Policy #PS 424).
 - providing information to parents regarding the school through the school and district web site.
 - providing information related to individual student academic progress through the on-line grade book program.

- III. Schools promote parent participation through:
 - school PTA organization;
 - school community group - (see Board Policy #ADM 224);
 - providing opportunities for parents to serve as school volunteers;

- providing information to parents about groups and organizations that may provide instruction and training to parents to help improve and support the academic success of their children.
- IV. Encourage employers in the community to support parental and community involvement to foster student achievement. Encourage employers to develop policies and programs to allow their employees opportunities for greater participation in public education during school hours.
- V. Provide professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.