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Family Engagement in Action

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Objectives for Today

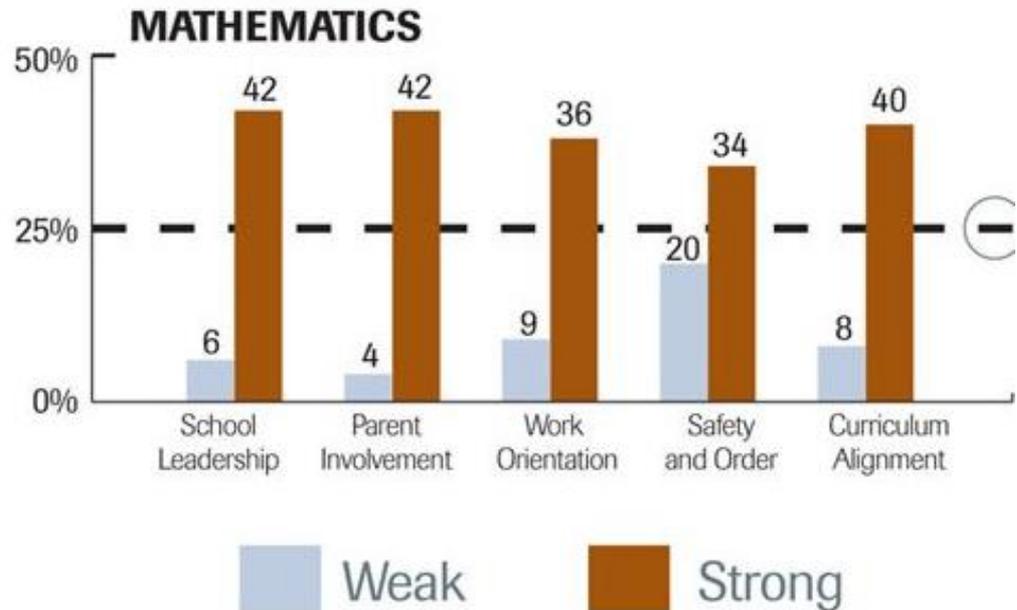
- Learn prominent research in family engagement
- Make connections between research, PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, and the "4 I's" of transformative family engagement
- Practice identifying improvements for any family engagement goals in your plan



1. Family engagement makes a difference
2. Not *all* family engagement is impactful
3. If and how a family is involved can change

1. Family engagement matters

- Just as important as a high quality principal and a rigorous curriculum!
- Struggling schools are more likely to “beat the odds” when they excel at family engagement.



Source: *Organizing Schools for Improvement: Lessons from Chicago*



According to this research, which of the following had positive impacts across all demographics for children in elementary school?

- A. Attending a PTA/PTO meeting
- B. Talking to your child about what they did in school that day
- C. Requesting that your child get a certain teacher
- D. Attending a parent-teacher conference

3. Family engagement is dynamic

- Predictors of engagement
- “Nudges” that change behavior



Involvement v. Engagement v. Transformative Engagement....

Transformative family engagement is a shared effort of families, schools, and community leaders to advance programs, practices, and policies that **empower every parent to make their child's potential a reality.**

Putting it all together

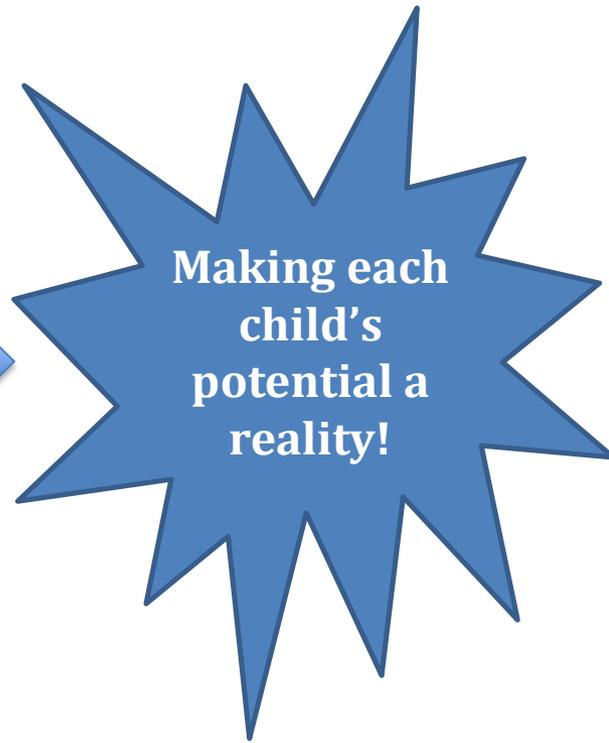
The What:
PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

The How:
Transformative Family Engagement



Parents who have the connections, confidence, and capacity to support their child

Schools that elevate the voice of parents as their child's first teacher



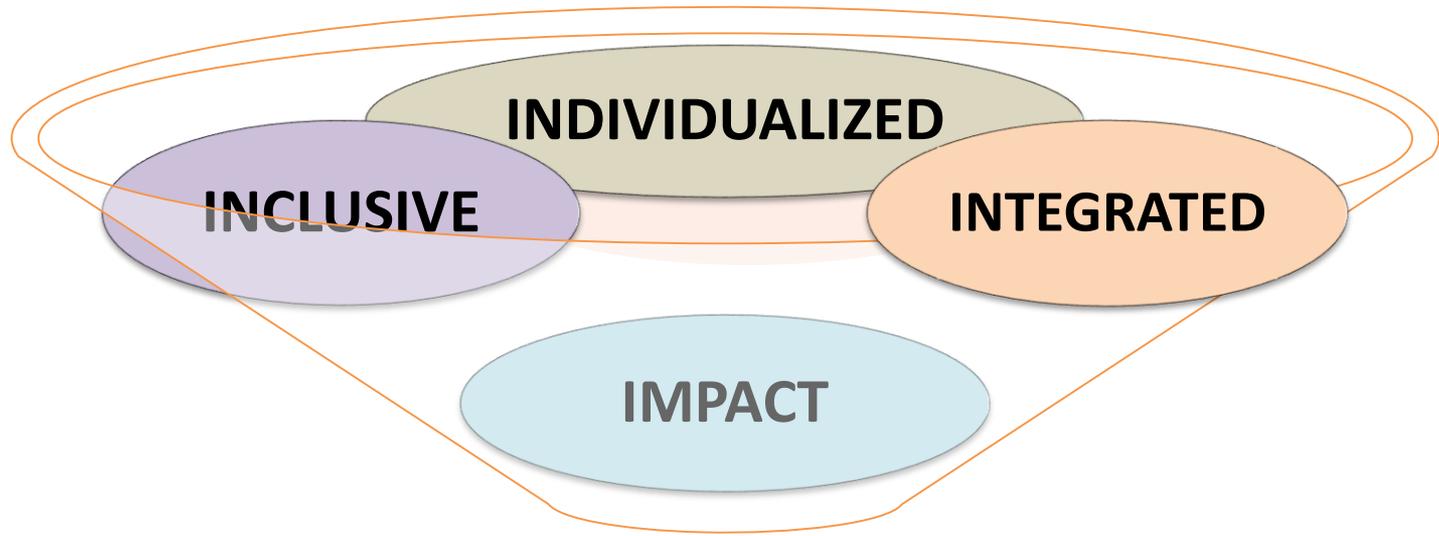
Stanton Elementary (D.C.) - Academic Parent Teacher Team Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YNsWrFiYfY&t=260s#t=2m12s>

What resonates with you about how this approach is different from the traditional way schools engage families?



4i's of Transformative Family Engagement



Equity and effectiveness of your family engagement!

Inclusive



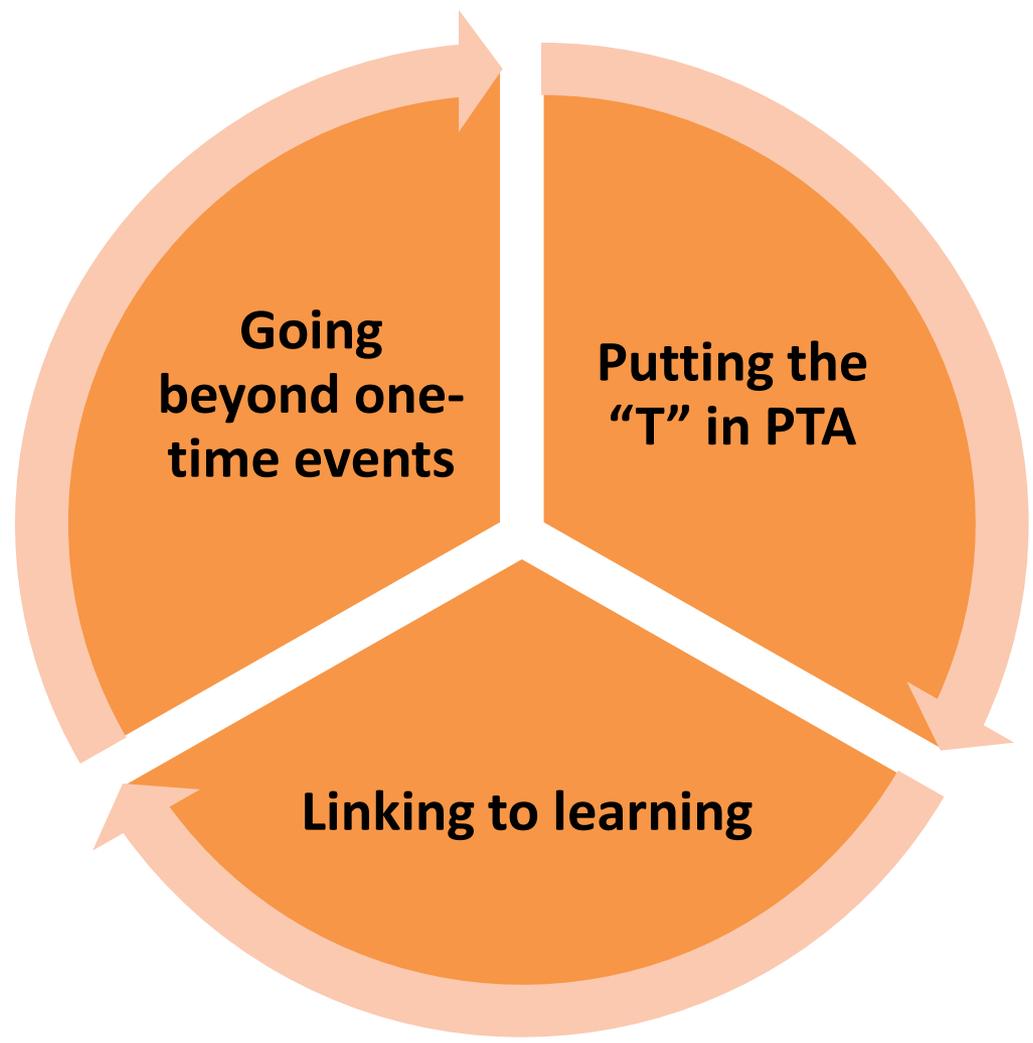
*I am valued
and my point
of view
matters.*

Individualized



This is relevant to me and my child.

Integrated



This contributes to my child's classroom and school priorities.



I am better prepared to support my child.

Share your ideas!

What is one thing you could do to make one of your family engagement practices even more transformative?

Questions, Comments, Etc?



THANK YOU!

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