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**Cedar Hill ISD**

Strategic Family Engagement Plan for  
Pre-Kindergarten Families



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## Strategic Family Engagement Plan

Family engagement is a respective obligation amid families, schools, and communities in an effort to develop and sustain relationships that support student learning and academic achievement. Family engagement embraces family health and continued learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is inclusive of the child’s educational experiences and promotes the whole child while being culturally compassionate and linguistically appropriate.

Family Engagement Component/Goal	Strategies
<p><b>1. Facilitate family-to-family support</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent University (Starts Fall 2017- parenting classes)</li> <li>● <a href="#">All Pro Dads</a></li> <li>● Social events for families to connect with the community and one another (Back to School Rally, Extravaganza, Meet the Teacher Night, Family Game Night)</li> <li>● Grandparents Day</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Establish network of community resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Partnerships (Church/Faith Based Organizations, Banks and Credit Unions)</li> <li>● Partnerships (Zula B. Library and local retailers)</li> <li>● <a href="#">C.H.A.T.</a>- Cedar Hill Action Team</li> <li>● Snack Bag Backpack Program</li> <li>● Vision Screening</li> <li>● Immunization</li> <li>● Partnership with the City of Cedar Hill</li> </ul>

<p><b>3. Increase family participation in decision making</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent Resource Centers</li> <li>● School Messenger</li> <li>● Social Media ( Facebook, Twitter)</li> <li>● APD ( monthly breakfast, opening doors, Crawfish Fest)</li> <li>● <a href="#">PTA</a> ( Council of PTAs, PTSA)</li> <li>● Parent Conferences</li> <li>● HB5 Parent Survey</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Nights- Events sponsored by the school and PTA to provide information to families to enhance learning at home at no cost to the parent.</li> <li>● Parent Resource Centers (PPE Training, parenting classes)</li> <li>● Parent Conferences (elementary home visits)</li> <li>● Back to School Rally</li> <li>● Extravaganza</li> <li>● Academic Night</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Liaisons- PPE Training</li> <li>● <a href="#">Families in Transition</a>- McKinney Vento Program (family and staff resources available)</li> <li>● Home visits</li> <li>● State-wide Parental Involvement Conferences</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent and family survey- District wide survey sent to parents to evaluate their experience with CHISD.</li> <li>● Record of family participation/attendance in school events</li> <li>● Goal-setting</li> <li>● Commit Dallas for Pre-Kindergarten Campaign</li> </ul>

Cedar Hill ISD will evaluate family engagement efforts and use the results for continuous improvement. This information will be used as a component that helps

guide our actions and further decisions in the improvement of our family engagement plan. It is the goal of the district to involve all parents in all school activities. Family Engagement is the key to children's school readiness.