

## Research: The Benefits of Parent Engagement

Positive home-school relationships- in which parents communicate with teachers, help out in the child's classroom, and participate in school activities - promote children's educational engagement. Parents' presence at the school, whether in classrooms or at other activities, reinforces children's sense of school as a welcoming environment and facilitates their ability to see learning as a continuous process...<sup>1</sup>

Regardless of income, ethnicity, or background, students with involved parents are more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, have better attitudes, behaviors and attendance, and graduate and go onto additional education.<sup>2</sup>

Children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when families and school staff join forces to bridge the gap between home and school cultures.<sup>3</sup>

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Harvard Family Research Project, *Redefining Family Engagement for Student Success*, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Henderson, Anne T., *Parents are a school's best friends*, in Phi Delta Kappan, 70, 1988, p. 149-153.

<sup>3</sup> Henderson, Anne T., Karen L. Mapp, Vivian R. Johnson, and Don Davies, *Beyond the bake sale: The essential guide to family-school partnerships*. New York: The New Press, 2007.

## Parent Liaisons

Parent Liaisons promote and facilitate a connection between home and school so parents and teachers become partners in improving children's success. They are a vital component to our parent engagement program. Please contact your child's school for more information about your parent liaison.

Some of the responsibilities of parent liaisons include:

- Make all parents feel welcome, comfortable and engaged in their child's school.
- Plan, coordinate and implement Parent Engagement family events.
- Seek out underserved parents and encourage and facilitate their participation at school events.
- Take photographs and provide captions of school events for social media and district website to inform parents of recent news.
- Provide contact information regarding community or school resources to families in need.
- Provide support and work collaboratively with the PTO/PTA at each school to increase parental participation at school events.
- Communicate regularly with parents via emails, newsletters, etc

## About Stoughton Parent Engagement Center

Established in 2012, the mission of the Stoughton Parent Engagement Center (SPEC) is to offer quality programs and valuable resources designed to help families and schools build stronger ties to benefit students. We encourage parents and guardians to become partners in their child's education and we welcome community involvement in order to achieve school success.

Each year, SPEC develops many engaging events to offer special opportunities for families to spend quality time together make new friends and increase their connection to their school.

Some past events include Kindergarten Meet and Greet Day, Crafts Night, Let's Move, Family Yoga for Beginners, Family Game Night, Raising Great Digital Citizens, Literacy Night, Music and Movement, and Family Play in May.

We also collaborate with each school's PTO/PTA to increase parental involvement in all school events. We are always building a stronger partnership between parents and schools. We welcome your input to make our parent engagement program as effective as possible.

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## Stoughton Public Schools Mission Statement

Stoughton Public Schools honor excellence, celebrates its diversity, and challenges its members to realize their potential. We set high standards using innovative and inclusive programs that enable students of varying learning styles to achieve success.



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