Parents and guardians are any school’s strongest allies for helping students achieve and thrive to their fullest potential. Robust two-way communication with students’ families cultivates a relationship between the home and the school that puts the families squarely on the school’s team when working with students.

### Community Support

#### Parent Participation Rates

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### What Teachers Say

#### Percent who agree or strongly agree:

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

### What Parents Say

#### Percent who report that the school does well:

- Contacts me if my child does something well or improves
- Contacts me if my child is having a problem
- Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time
- Has a parent-teacher conference with me
- Asks me to volunteer at the school

### Teacher Practices and Attitudes

#### Percent who report that at least weekly:

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.

### What Teachers Say

#### Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:

- Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.

#### Percent who report that at least monthly:

- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.