Engaging Families and Community

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.

**Parent Participation Rates**

![Chart showing parent participation rates for Chester W. Barrows School in Cranston District.](chart)

**What Teachers Say**

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education:
  - This school: 70%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

**What Parents Say**

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

- Contacts me if my child does something well or improves:
  - This school: 90%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 80%

**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:
  - This school: 90%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 80%

- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education:
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 70%

- They use parents as school resources or volunteers:
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 70%

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