

Community Conversation
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Lakota Ridge Junior School – Building

The Gap ← **Challenges to Partnerships** → **Between Professional and Parent**

If problem, parents feel awkward about criticizing for fear of singling kid out

Are teachers listening?
What can teachers do?

Students need to be able to fail and teachers are afraid to raise red flags because of standards
The whole system is afraid to raise red flags
Path of least resistance

Parents have challenges supporting kids at home
Some parents don't have the skills

How can parents help teachers adjust their style to a specific kids?
Can we expect them to?

Where do teachers get that one extra minute to individualize education?

What should be expected of parents
Vs.
teachers?

Wide range of parents
Helicopter
Vs.
Absent/Busy
Vs.
Unskilled

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Foster good conflict
With care and love and understanding

“Better” communications
Appropriate teachers
Have conversations with teachers when problem arises
Recognize different personal styles

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M** → Partner in defining the communication system
→ Start with orientation
→ The more media, the more complex

How do you talk to people who don't want to listen?

Teachers and parents do want the same things

But different approaches

How to get low income parents "at the table" and many other demographics

Success in Partnerships

Above and beyond teachers

Hours

Concern during their time

Finding a different approach

If parent reaches out, teacher/staff respond

Proactive

Parents

Know what you need

Be realistic

Have a good reason "right"

Understanding

More than just your own child

Cost to others

Kids

Administration

Teachers

Dollars

Other parents

The burden on staff

Staff/teachers are real people

They are parents

Relations in Buildings comes first

Compassion

Understanding

2014-15 Lakota has three (3) major change initiatives NOW

Staff aren't the enemy

How to get new/older teachers/parents to have compassion