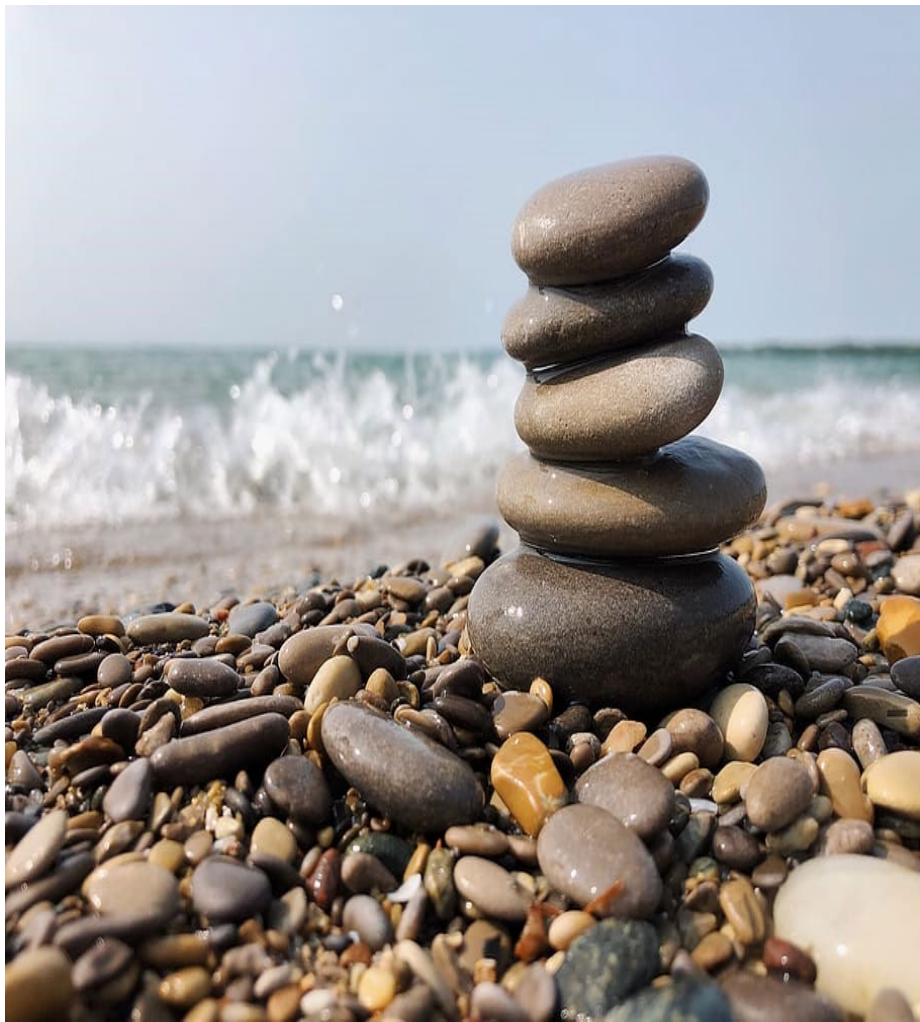


Family Engagement Matters





WELCOME! Enjoy the music as you settle in. Take a few deep breaths and think about how you are feeling. Choose 2 (two) words to describe how you're feeling and record your response on the post-it notes provided (one word per post-it.)



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**WE'RE GOING TO START TODAY WITH A
LITTLE ACTIVITY. PLEASE STAND UP
AND FORM A LINE AROUND THE ROOM.**



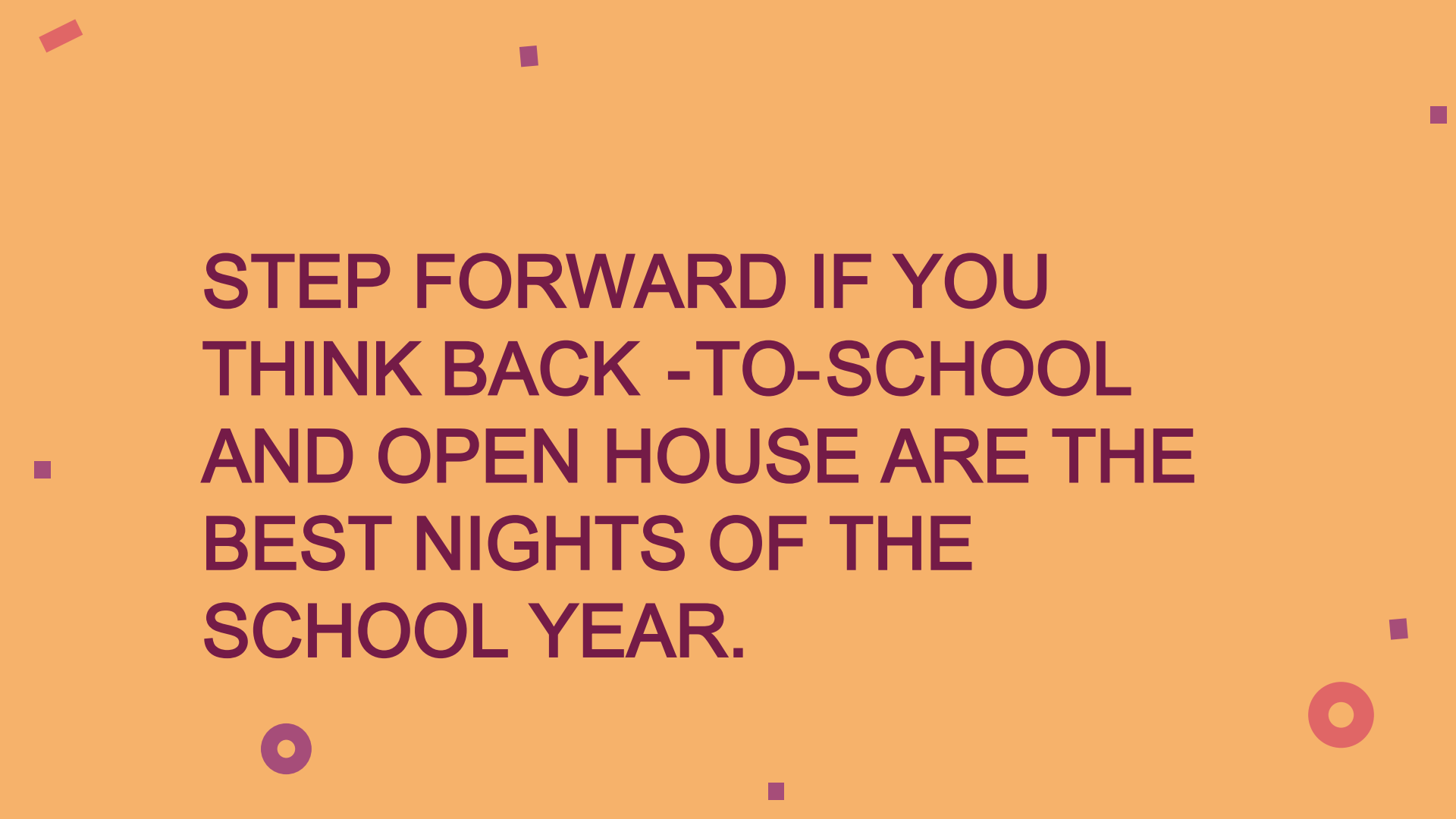
**STEP FORWARD IF YOU
INTERACT WITH PARENTS
AND/OR FAMILIES.**



**STEP FORWARD IF YOU'VE
EVER DEALT WITH AN
UPSET OR ANGRY PARENT.**



**STEP FORWARD IF YOU
HAVE STRESS OR ANXIETY
ABOUT PARENT MEETINGS.**

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**STEP FORWARD IF YOU
THINK BACK -TO-SCHOOL
AND OPEN HOUSE ARE THE
BEST NIGHTS OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR.**

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**STEP FORWARD IF YOU'D
LIKE TO IMPROVE YOUR
INTERACTIONS WITH
PARENTS AND FAMILIES.**

TODAY'S GOALS

- 1. SHARE STRATEGIES FOR PRACTICING MINDFULNESS**
- 1. PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE 8 CORE COMPETENCIES OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**
- 1. CREATE A PLAN FOR IMPROVING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

- 1. ENGAGE AUTHENTICALLY.**
- 2. BE MINDFUL OF OTHER LEARNERS.**
- 3. TAKE RISKS.**
- 4. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.**

8 CORE COMPETENCIES OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



Family Engagement Core Competencies

Family and community engagement is a process in which families, schools and communities join together to promote child and youth success in school and beyond. Every individual that works in a school is a *family-facing professional*, but we haven't traditionally been intentional about training people to engage with families across the multitude of settings which children explore, learn and play throughout the lifespan. The 8 Core Competencies fall into 4 Domains: REFLECT * CONNECT * COLLABORATE * LEAD



Respect, Honor and Value Families

Family-facing professionals appreciate and value the strengths that all families bring to their children's learning regardless of education status, household configuration, immigration status, political view, ethnicity, etc.



Embrace Equity throughout Family Engagement

Family-facing professionals look inward to develop cultural humility, cognitive flexibility and perspective taking skills to practice anti-bias and equitable family and community engagement.



Building Trusting Reciprocal Relationships

Family-facing professionals effectively communicate, create welcoming environments for ALL families and they approach relationships with a deep conviction that stronger relationships benefit students.



Foster Community Partnerships for Learning and Wellbeing

Family-facing professionals expand how families access community resources, they cultivate social support networks and connections among families and they build community partnerships to support children and families.



Co-Construct Learning Opportunities

Family-facing professionals use family knowledge to co-construct with families culturally sustaining, authentic, dynamic and relevant learning experiences. They join with families in planning, implementing and evaluating learning opportunities and services.



Link Family Engagement to Learning and Development

Family-facing professionals use data systems that are accessible to all families and they work to make data understandable and easy to interpret so families are able to see how their children are progressing across time.



Take Part in Lifelong Learning

Family-facing professionals engage in ongoing, active, professional learning to grow their knowledge and skills. They support efforts to continually assess parents' changing needs and take action based on families' responses.



Advocate for Systems Change

Family-facing professionals champion equity as an essential element of family and community engagement and they work to transform policies and conditions to ensure just and equitable for ALL students and families.



FAMILY-FACING PROFESSIONAL'S REFLECTION TOOL

bit.ly/FamFacPro



BRAIN BREAK



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Activity Directions:

1. Take a few minutes to brainstorm ideas on your own.
1. Find the group that chose the same competency as you.
1. Share your ideas with one another.
1. Choose 2 ideas that you can reasonably implement.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Circle the Family Engagement Core Competency you will focus on improving:

1. Respect, Honor & Value Families
2. Embrace Equity thru Family Engagement
3. Build Trusting Reciprocal Relationships
4. Foster Community Partnerships for Learning and Wellbeing
5. Co-Construct Learning Opportunities
6. Link Family Engagement to Learning and Development
7. Take Part in Lifelong Learning
8. Advocate for Systems of Change

Brainstorm strategies to promote growth and improvement:

Solidify a plan - From your brainstorm list of ideas, choose 2 that you can reasonably implement.

1.

2.

OPTIMISTIC CLOSURE

**THANK YOU FOR BEING
HERE!**

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As you prepare to leave today, please share the Family Engagement Core Competency you will be working on this Fall and share 1 idea from today's session that you plan to implement. Leave your post-it on the door as you exit.