

FY 19 Budget Initiative: Family Engagement

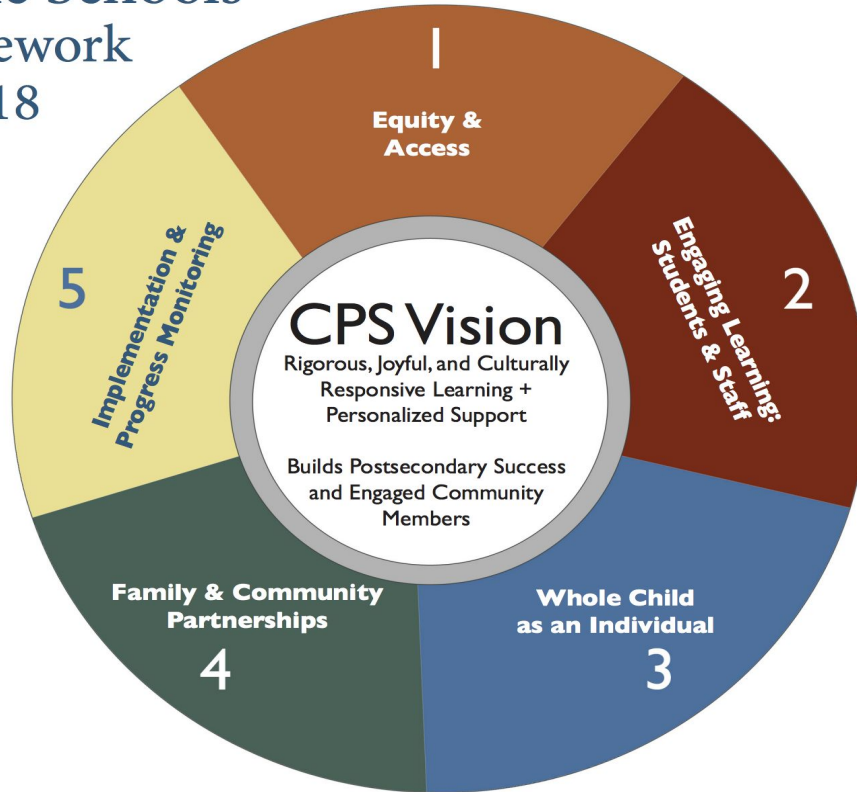
Strategic Objective 4:

Expand and Strengthen Family and Community Partnerships

Cambridge School Committee Presentation
March 27, 2018

Cambridge Public Schools District Plan Framework Focus Areas 2017-18

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 - 1.1 Student Goal-Setting
 - 1.2 Cultural Proficiency
 - 1.3 Dynamic Diversity
 - 1.5 Level Up, 1:1 Technology
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 - 2.2 Rigorous, Joyful, Culturally Responsive Learning
 - 2.3 Transformative Professional Learning
 - 2.4 Innovation and Design Lab
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 - 3.1 Social Emotional Learning Framework
 - 3.2 Inclusive Practices
 - 3.4 Multi-tiered System of Support
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 - 4.1 Families as Partners
 - 4.4 Expanded and Aligned Partnerships
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 - 5.1 Continuous Improvement Process
 - 5.2 Grade Span Review
 - 5.5 Targeted Support for Schools



Family Engagement Budget Initiative

- Increased hours: Community Engagement Team (CET) support
- Increased hours: Elementary School Family Liaisons
- New positions: Upper School Community and Family Partnership Liaisons
- Increased allocation: Amigos Upper School

Community Engagement Team (CET)

- Current CET contract: \$15,000, approximately 780 hours of outreach worker time
- Time allocated to district offices and schools
- FY19 budget initiative increase: \$5,000, approximately 260 additional hours of outreach worker support to respond to additional requests by schools

Elementary School Family Liaisons

- CPS Family Liaison Labor-Management Committee formed spring 2016 to explore work, hours, and changing role of Family Liaisons
- Committee found time required to accomplish all tasks encompassed by the elementary liaisons' current job description would require additional time
- Increased liaison hours required as schools expand reciprocal family engagement and support advocacy of families
 - MindMatters

Mind Matters

- Offered at 5 locations (10 two-hour sessions at each location)
- About 75 parents/caregivers enrolled across the city
- Four locations offering sessions in English and one offering sessions in Spanish
- Offered in partnership with Agenda for Children and Center for Families
- Taught by 9 liaisons, one CPS parent and staff from Agenda for Children and Center for Families
- Participants represent a cross-section of families from all 12 elementary schools.

Upper Schools: Community and Family Partnership Liaisons

- Provide direct home outreach to families as needed
- Assist with family outreach for newly transitioning families during the school year
- Provide additional support to families identified by teams/administration
- Organize family workshops, caregiver education classes/seminars
- Coordinate with community organizations/agencies to support student development and learning
- Work with district & city OST staff to ensure programming coordination

Questions?