Parent Portrait

Definition: A **Parent Portrait** describes how parents and guardians can partner with LT to help every student **grow, lead, and thrive**. These are shared aspirations for the partnership, recognizing that families contribute in different ways and have different resources and circumstances.

What can families and LT do together to help every student grow, lead, and thrive?

Option #1.

- **Supportive and Encouraging --** Helps their student feel known, valued, and confident while encouraging effort, growth, and well-being.
- **Partner in Learning --** Takes an interest in their student's learning, celebrates progress, and works with LT when support is needed.
- **Champion of Student Voice and Ownership --** Listens to their student's goals and perspectives and encourages age-appropriate choices, responsibility, and leadership.
- **Open and Respectful Communicators --** Shares insights about their student, seeks information, and communicates with educators in ways that build trust.
- **Advocate for Belonging and Inclusion --** Helps create a community where every student and family is respected, connected, and able to participate.
- **Partner in Future Readiness --** Encourages exploration of college, career, life, and community pathways that fit their student's strengths and aspirations.
- **Collaborative Problem Solver --** Works with their student and LT to address challenges, identify supports, and learn from setbacks.
- **Community Connector --** Shares experiences, ideas, or connections when possible to strengthen opportunities for students and the broader LT community.

Option #2:

- **Communicating**: Engaging in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication with teachers and school staff concerning student progress and school programs.
- **Parenting**: Supporting positive parenting skills and establishing a home environment that encourages learning and healthy child development.
- **Student Learning**: Playing an active, integral role in assisting and supporting student learning and academic goals at home.
- **Volunteering**: Supporting the school environment by being involved as a volunteer, helper, or audience member for school activities.
- **School Decision Making and Advocacy**: Acting as full partners in school decisions, serving on advisory groups, and advocating for policies that benefit children.

- **Collaborating with the Community**: Connecting with community resources and organizations to strengthen student learning, family well-being, and school programs.

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